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Army drops rare cowardice case against sgt.



Martha Stewart sentenced to 5 months in jail

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# **Army seeks recruits from Air Force, Navy**

Service wants sailors, airmen to fill some of its 30,000 new slots

# Philippines continues withdrawal from Iraq



Country pulls 11 troops from peacekeeping mission

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Left: A supporter of Angelo dela Cruz, the Filipino truck driver held hostage in Iraq, shouts slogans during a rally Friday in front of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila. The Philippines worked Friday to meet the demands of kidnappers holding the truck driver, withdrawing the head of its humanitarian mission in Iraq and 10 troops. Right: Philippines President Glora Macapagal Arroy paray during a Mass at San Sebastian Cathedral in Lipa, Philippines, on Friday. Arroys remains tight-lipped on the handling of the hostage crisis.

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# le ws Tracker ... What's new with old news

#### States

Western wildfires: An army of firefighters, helped by higher humidity and diminishing winds, gained partial control over a wildfire that burned 14 homes and forced evacuations of hundreds of others in Carson City, Nev

"I think it's done its worst, I really think it " said the fire incident commander. Marty Scheuerman, "Now we can do our

In California, meanwhile, a 10,000-acre wildfire forced 200 teenagers from two juvenile probation camps early Friday and continued to threaten rural hamlets on the edge of the Angeles National Forest. That blaze was 40 percent contained.

Police beating suit: A suspected car thief has filed a \$25 million claim with the city of Los Angeles over a videotaped police beating he contends left him with brain damage. Stanley Miller alleged the June 23 beating also caused "spinal injuries, trunk-torso injuries, internal injuries, emotional distress, and bruises and contusions." If the city rejects the claim filed Thursday, Miller could seek damages through a lawsuit.

Michael Jackson case: An appeal by news media wanting access to court information in the Michael Jackson child molestation case went unheard for a week because a clerk refused to place it on the court docket, according to court papers.

Attorney Dominic Lanza, who filed the first appeal notice last week, said he checked five days later to make sure the matter was scheduled to be heard by Superi-or Court Judge Rodney Melville but was told by the appellate clerk it was not filed.

Lanza said it took until Thursday to get a clarification from the presiding justice of the California Second District Court of Appeal, who instructed the clerk that the notice of appeal should be filed

Peterson murder trial: Scott Peterson's defense attorneys continued to pick apart the murder case against him as an exhaus-tive search for hard evidence that has turned up nothing incriminating.

Attorney Mark Gera gos launched a barrage of insinuations Thursday that authorities abandoned reason in their zeal to get Peter-

At nearly every turn of his cross examination. Geragos forced Modesto, Calif., police Detective Henry Hendee to acknowledge that searches of San Francisco Bay yielded noth

nant wife, Laci.



Tobacco legislation: The Senate approved a plan to give the government broad new powers to regulate the cigarette industry, including the ability to eliminate harmful ingredients in tobacco products and forbid advertising that appeals to children.

ing to link Peterson to the killing of his preg-

The measure empowering the Food and Drug Administration to oversee the sale, marketing and manufacturing of cigarettes was linked on the Senate floor Thursday to a \$12 billion buyout of tobacco farmers

Cocaine boat: Five crewmembers of a fishing boat where authorities made the largest cocaine seizure in U.S. maritime history have been acquitted of all charges

A federal jury Wednesday in San Diego found the two Russians and three Ukrainians not guilty of drug and conspiracy charges that carried a minimum of 10 years in prison. The defendants' first trial ended in a



Sonar side-effects: Beach-goers watch as a pod of about 200 melon-headed whales swim near shore in Hanalei Bay, Hawaii, earlier this month. Many believe the very unusual near-shore flocking the whales' reaction to picking up Navy sonar. Environmental and animal rights groups threatened Wednesday to sue the Navy unless it takes new steps to protect whales from booming waves of sonar designed to detect enemy submarines.

hung jury in March.

The defendants were part of the 10-man crew of the Svesda Maru, a fishing boat that was seized in 2001 off the coast of Mexico. More than 13 tons of cocaine were found below rotting squid bait.

#### World

Bird flu warning: Countries facing bird flu outbreaks should not kill wild birds in their efforts to keep the disease from spreading, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization said Friday.

"Killing wild birds will not help to prevent or control avian influenza outbreaks Juan Lubroth of the FAO Animal Health Service said. "Wild birds are an important element of the ecosystem and should not be destroyed.

The FAO apparently was responding to Thailand's plan to selectively cull wild storks suspected of carrying the disease.

Russia's chemical weapons: Russia will not meet a 2007 deadline to destroy some 8,000 tons of chemical weapons, due to a lack of funds, the chairman of the Russian Federation Council's defense committee said Friday.

The Interfax-Military news agency quoted lawmaker Viktor Ozerov as saying the lack of federal funds would prevent new facilities for destroying weapons from being built and could result in dangerous chemicals leaking into the environment

Madrid bombings: An Italian court has set a hearing on July 30 to rule on the extradition of a suspected mastermind of the Madrid, Spain, train bombings, a prosecutor

in Milan said Friday.

The suspect, Rabei Osman Ahmed of Egypt, is held in Milan. He was arrested here on June 7 on an international warrant issued by Spanish authorities. Madrid is seeking his extradition

If the court approves the extradition and no appeal is made, the request passes to the Justice Ministry for final approval, said osecutor Donatella Grieco

Earlier this week, the Milan prosecutors' office formally approved the extradition re-

Militant amnesty: A wanted militant turned himself in to Saudi diplomats in Syria in response to a royal amnesty offer that expires soon, Saudi newspapers report-

Ibrahim al-Sadeq al-Qaidy had fought alongside Islamic extremists in Afghanistan and Bosnia, but had more recently been in hiding in Syria, the newspapers reported. It ot clear Friday what charges he faced and whether he was back in his homeland or was at the Saudi Embassy in Damascus.

Britain al-Qaida arrest: A Moroccan arrested in Britain was linked to one of al-Oaida's top leaders in Europe and spoke to him shortly before the Sept. 11 attacks in language suggesting he may have known of the plot, prosecutors said Thursday.

Farid Hilali, 35, telephoned Imad Eddin Barakat Yarkas, who is suspected of leading an al-Qaida cell in Spain, a few weeks be-fore Sept. 11, 2001, said prosecutor James Lewis, who spoke for the Spanish government in its effort to extradite Hilali

#### Business

Tyco acquittal: It was a tense, emotional moment for former Tyco International law-

yer Mark A. Belnick, who could have spent the next quarter-century behind bars. Belnick wept with

happiness after he was acquitted of charges he sold his silence for money and luxurious homes while two other

Belnick company executives stole \$600 million. A Manhattan jury returned the "not guilty" verdicts on Thursday in its fifth day of deliberations in state Supreme Court

amid talks of a possible plea deal. Napster case: A San Francisco judge has refused to dismiss a suit brought by major record companies against the original Napster's deep-pocketed funders, Hummer Win-

blad and Bertelsmann AG. U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel made the decision Wednesday.

Universal Music Group and Capitol Records allege that Hummer and Bertelsmann did more than just write checks to online music service's inventor, Shawn Fanning. The record companies say the investors maintained hands-on control over the short-lived company and are, therefore, liable for copyright infringement.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



# Philippines pulls more soldiers from Iraq

# GI, four civilians wounded in car bombing as insurgent attacks continue in Baghdad

BY DANICA KIRKA The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - The Philippines withdrew 11 soldiers from Iraq on Friday to meet the demands of kidnappers holding a truck driver hostage, ignoring warnings from the United States that the move sends the wrong signal to terror-

The decision to pull out the head of the humanitarian mission and 10 other soldiers outraged Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's allies in the war on terror, who fear that bargaining for the life of Angelo dela Cruz will set a dangerous precedent for the troops and citizens of other coalition members.

American troops and their Iraqi allies in the capital, Baghdad continued to face attacks. Insurgents detonated a car bomb targeting a U.S. military convoy in Baghdad, wounding one U.S. soldier and four civilians, the American command and Iraqi police said

Also Friday, attackers fired machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades at an Iraqi police patrol, killing one and wounding another, police officer Ammar Naji said.

The troubles came amid warnings by interim Prime Minister Ivad Allawi that insurgents would hit harder in the coming weeks. He announced the creation of a new intelligence service Thursday designed specifically to comhat terrorism and vowed to annihilate guerrillas seeking to derail efforts to bring peace.

Suicide bombings, shootings and car bombs have rocked the country since the transfer of sovereignty from U.S. occupation officials to the interim government on June 28

### U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Thursday, 885 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 653 died as a re-sult of hostile action and 232 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 59 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia

Insurgents also have kid-napped dozens of outsiders in

hopes of pressuring countries tak-ing part in the U.S.-led coalition

to withdraw. The strategy also ap-

pears intended to further isolate

the United States, which already

provides the bulk of the 160,000-member multinational

The Philippines, with 7 million

workers overseas, proved particu-

lar susceptible. Arroyo faced over-

whelming domestic pressure from citizens, many of whom

have family members working

People lit candles and held

prayer vigils Friday for the safe

return of dela Cruz, who was

taken hostage while working as a

Hours later, 11 Filipino troops

drove over the border into Ku-

wait in three vehicles and were

seen off by a delegation of U.S.

troops, said Lt. Col. Hashem Ab-

dullah an Iragi officer at the hor-

Arroyo's pullout decision does

truck driver here.

der town of Safwan

force in Iraq.

Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death

Since May 1, 2003, when Pres-ident Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 747 U.S. servicemem-bers have died — 544 as a result of hostile action and 203 of nonhostile causes.

The latest deaths reported by

- No deaths reported.
- The latest identifications re-orted by the military:

■ No identifications reported. not apply to thousands of Filipino workers who work at U.S. bases in Iraq, performing menial tasks such as serving food and cleaning

toilets that free military person-

nel for crucial combat duty "The more than 4,000 Filipino workers in Iraq shouldn't be there in the first place," said Connie Regalado, head of Migrante, a Filipino pressure group for overseas workers. "Most of them are in U.S. military installations, where they're the first target of Iraqi rebels."

Other coalition members, such as Australian Prime Minister John Howard, called the decision a mistake.

"If you give in, the game's over and they will increase the intensity of their attacks," he said.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Thursday the decision "sends the wrong signal to terrorists."

Many of the attacks have been blamed on Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad movement, which earlier claimed responsibil-



An Iraqi police officer lifts a piece of a Volkswagen Beetle after a bomb inside it exploded Friday. It targeted an American military convoy, injuring one U.S. soldier and four civilians in Baghdad.

ity for beheading U.S. businessman Nicholas Berg and South Korean translator Kim Sun-il.

Al-Zargawi's Wednesday it had killed a Bulgarian hostage and threatened to kill his colleague. Video broadcast on Al-Jazeera showed one of two Bulgarian hostages, later identified as Georgi Lazov, kneeling before three masked men

The same day, police discovered a headless body northwest of the city of Beiji. The remains were turned over to the U.S. military for identification, officials said. Bulgaria said fingerprints from the body had been sent there for identification.

Associated Press writer Hrvoje Hranjski in Manila, Philippines, contributed to

### Bremer may testify before Congress

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - L. Paul Bremer, the former head of the U.S.-led occupation in Iraq, may testify about prison abuse at a congressional hearing next week, while more cases of possible mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners have come to Congress' attention and need investigation by the Pentagon, a lawmaker said

"Each day that comes along, new incidents that occurred in the past" are revealed and will need to be investigated, Sen. John Warner, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Thursday

Despite a number of hearings and media revelations in the months since the abuse scandal



broke, questions linger about the extent of wrongdoing at U.S. military prisons, how it happened and who should be held accountable.

Before the Senate recesses next week. Warner wants Bremer to testify at a public hearing

# Pentagon creates new office to deal with prisoner abuse reports

BY SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. - Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld signed an order Friday creating the Office of Detainee Affairs, a Pentagon-level office to deal primarily with the International Committee of Red Cross and their reports of alleged prisoner

"The key element here will be the relationship with the International Red Cross," said Ryan Henry, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for Policy.

The ICRC reportedly has filed many reports of prisoner abuse and currently is accusing the Defense Department and CIA of hiding detainees.

"We want to have a system that can elevate their concerns to keep policymakers as respon-sively [sic] as possible," Henry told Pentagon reporters. The office will be the "single focal point" in talks between the ICRC and the Pentagon.

Who will head the new office and who will make up the committee looking into the reports has yet to be determined, he said, but the office will fall under the Undersecretary for Policy, Doug Feith. The office's creation also is an attempt to renain

relations with the international committee, which intercedes on U.S. servicemembers' behalf if they are taken prisoner.

The department "appreciates the work by the International Red Cross," Henry said.

"Not only do they help us understand how we can do a better job, but they do a very critical job in protecting our soldiers."

Reports from the ICRC will now be "brought from the field" to the centralized Pentagon office, Henry said.

"In the past, they've been left at the field level, but now they will be forwarded up" to be reviewed by a joint committee, make up of members from the policy office, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and service departments.

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# Idaho GIs told to use 'themes' with media

By CHUCK OXLEY The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho - The Idaho National Guard has told soldiers to use five approved "themes" when talking to the media, including support for war in Iraq and confidence in the superiority of Ameri-

The suggestions were made on the front page of "Snakebite," the official newsletter of the 116th Brigade Combat Team.

It does not prohibit soldiers from speaking about other issues, but says that referring to the themes "adds continuity to the message we are portraying as a

The other messages include

#### OK'd topics include support for war, confidence in U.S. troops

pride for being on active duty, eagerness to work with coalition forces and appreciation for family and employers.

"Those themes are the things we feel are consistent with what we're doing. Those are the mes sages we want out there right now," said Capt. Monte Hibbert, who wrote the article.

Hibbert spoke by telephone from Fort Bliss, Texas, where he is training with 2,000 other Idaho guard members for a one-year tour in Iraq beginning this fall.

The 116th started deploying soldiers to Texas in early June, and there was heavy coverage of soldiers and their families in Idaho newspapers and television.

Hibbert said he did not intend to restrict soldiers' comments to

But Charles Sheehan-Miles, director of the Washington-based Veterans for Common Sense, said that's not the message that will be perceived by most rank-and-file

"I suspect it's going to be received with a good deal of cynicism," he said, because the military is increasingly "trying to control the message, because the leaders and the Pentagon have taken a lot of hits on the war."

Val Limburg, a journalism ethics and law professor emeritus at Washington State University. said it would be unethical if soldiers were being asked to cover up something that was wrong. He said the approved themes were more of a public relations issue.

Still, Limburg wondered if the military was returning to an era when it avoided uncontrolled media contacts

"In World War Two, we had a War Department and everything was cleared by the government before it went out as news. And the press went along with that because they wanted to win the war. too," he said.

During the Cold War and as recently as the 1991 Gulf War, contact between rank-and-file service members and the media was generally taboo. Military personnel were instructed to avoid talking to news reporters and to report all contacts to their local public affairs officer.

But Hibbert says the attitude has changed over time, particularly in the last decade and as news technology has changed and reporters have become "embedded" with particular units.

Because of the increased contact, even the lowest privates now receive training on dealing with the media.

"We actually try to give them some experience by simulating interviews and role-playing," Hibbert said.

# U.S. drops cowardice charges

GI who sought help for panic attacks cleared

The Associated Press

DENVER - The military has decided not to pursue charges against a U.S. soldier accused of cowardice after he sought help for panic attacks

After Staff Sgt. Georg-Andreas Pogany asked for counseling in Iraq, his commanders sent him home to Fort Carson to face a court-martial on a cowardice charge, which can be punishable by death.

The Army later replaced it with the lesser dereliction-of-duty charge, which could have put Pogany behind bars for six months

On Thursday, Pogany and military officials confirmed the case is finished

Sgt. 1st Class Blake Waltman, a public affairs officer with the Army's Special Operations Com-mand at Fort Bragg, N.C., said charges have been dropped because the military has learned Pogany "may have a medical problem that requires care and treatment '

Pogany, 32, had been the first U.S. soldier since Vietnam to be charged with cowardice.

A five-year veteran, Pogany said his problems surfaced after he saw the mangled body of an Iraqi man cut in half by American gunfire.

Pogany said he has physical and psychological problems that stem from brain damage caused by a reaction to the anti-malaria drug Lariam. He is part of a military study looking into com-plaints from U.S. troops exposed to drugs and chemicals

Pogany, assigned to a Green Beret interrogation team with the 10th Special Forces Group, began vomiting after seeing the Iraqi ci-vilian's body three days after being sent to Iraq.

Pogany said he hopes to retire from the Army soon.

#### Pinned by a star



Actor Vince Vaughn pins sergeant stripes on Joel Tilley, an anti-armor platoon gunner with Detachment D, 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, during Tilley's promotion ceremony July 3 at Forward Operating Base Salerno, Afghanistan. Vaughn visited with troops, signed autographs and posed for photos with soldiers, in addition to helping make Tilley's promotion official. The actor has appeared in such movies as "Made," "Old School," "Starsky and Hutch" and "Dodgeball." Said Tilley: "I liked his movies, and since he was going to be here I thought it would be kind of cool if he would pin me. It makes me proud that he appreciated us enough to come over and show his [gratitude]."

### After prison scandal, Rumsfeld rarely seen

BY ROBERT BURNS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON- Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, for years the most public face of the Bush administration's war on terrorism, has suddenly become scarce.

Burdened by the Iraq prisoner abuse scandal and constrained by the presidential election campaign, the Pentagon chief who spearheaded the Afghanistan and Iraq wars has been relegated to a less visi-

Once seemingly in danger of being fired over the prisoner abuse, Rumsfeld appears to have survived. Yet some wonder whether the White House might still conclude he is a political liability and prefer he leave this summer.

"Donald Rumsfeld has gone from being the most popular spokesperson for the Bush administration policies to something of a pariah," said Loren Thompson of the Lexington Institute, a think tank.

"Whereas before the White House was happy to see him speaking in public whenever he chose, n it kind of cringes for fear of what the results might be." Thompson added

Since an April 27 news conference — one day before CBS News broadcast photographs of U.S. soldiers abusing Iraqis at the Abu Ghraib prison — Rumsfeld has appeared in the Pentagon briefing room just twice, on May 4 and June 17. In April he had four Pentagon news conferences: in March he had three

Larry Di Rita, the chief spokesman for Rumsfeld, disputed the notion that the defense secretary has moved off the public stage.

He said that since early May Rumsfeld has conducted 12 news conferences or media appearances at home and abroad, eight public speeches, seven television or radio interviews and two public congressional hearings.

"He has probably reached millions of Americans in those activities." Di Rita said.

#### First class for GIs

DALLAS - Eight soldiers flying home from Iraq for two weeks of R&R flew in style instead of coach after first-class passengers offered to swap seats with them.

"The soldiers were very, very happy, and the whole air-craft had a different feeling," flight attendant Lorrie Gam-mon told The Dallas Morning News in Thursday's editions. The June 29 seat-swap on

American Airlines Flight 866 from Atlanta to Chicago started before boarding, when a businessman approached one of the soldiers and traded his

When the swapping was done, "the other two first-class passengers wanted to give up their seats, too, but they couldn't find any more sol-diers," Gammon said.

Another flight attendant, Candi Spradlin, said she was impressed with the acts of good will.

#### Marine's return

QUANTICO, Virginia could be weeks or months be-fore a Marine who disap-peared in Iraq and later turned up in Lebanon is deemed fit to return to duty, a spokesman said. Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun ar-

rived at Quantico Marine base on Thursday after leaving Ger-many, where he had undergone six days of evaluation at a U.S. military hospital. Lt. Col. David Lapan, a Ma-

rine Corps spokesman, said Hassoun would continue to un-dergo a "repatriation" process until the military support team monitoring his recovery decides he is ready to go back to work. His home station is Camp Lejeune, North Caroli-

Hassoun has not been accused of any offense, although the Marines said after he disappeared June 20 in Iraq that he was an sence." "unauthorized ab-

He reappeared July 8 at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. It remains unclear how he traveled from Iraq to Lebanon, where he was born and still has some relatives

From The Associated Press

# Army looking to recruit from Air Force and Navy

BY LISA BURGESS Stare and Strings

ARLINGTON, Va. - With 30,000 billets to fill in the next two years and missions in Iraq and Afghanistan to man for the foreseeable future, the Army is hoping to entice sailors and airmen to switch uniforms.

The Army's new "Operation Blue to Green" program is designed to attract members of the Air Force and Navy, which unlike the Army are trying to shave the size of their respective forces.

The Army began working on the program about four months ago, and a few finishing touches remain before the program is launched, according to Brig. Gen. Sean Byrne the Army's Director of Military Personnel Policy.

But the Army already has posted an advertisement for Blue to Green on its Web www.goarmy.com, as was first reported by U.S. News & World Report.

Meanwhile, over the next 14 months, Army recruiters will go to Navy and Air Force bases to servicemembers who might be eligible for the transfer program, Byrne said in a Friday roundtable discussion with Pentagon reporters.

"We are going to actively re-cruit these [servicemends support" of the Navy and Air Force, Byrne said.

tractive to the Army because "It's a population that has already served and been successful in their career." he said.

The new program is particularly focused on sailors and airmen in grades E-1 to E-5. Byrne said. as well as "some junior officers with the skills we need.

Selectees will undergo a four-week version of boot camp that the Army is calling the "Warrior Transition Course," to be held at Fort Knox, Ky., Byrne

The Warrior course will replace the normal nine-week boot camp the Army uses to train individuals with prior experience from other services who move into the Army.

The goal is to ensure that "there's no break in service" for those who are selected for the program, Byrne said - including ensuring that servicemembers receive a continuous paycheck and no interruptions to medical and

The Army is looking in particular for enlisted personnel whose Air Force Specialty Code or Navy rate convert directly to an Army Military Occupational Specialty, Byrne said.

Army personnel specialists have found 120 AFSCs that translate directly into 37 Army MOSs. Army MOS categories are broader than the Air Force's, Byrne ex-The Navy has 112 ratings that

translate directly into 42 Army MOSs, Byrne said. Servicemembers whose AFSC or rate transfer directly into an MOS will receive any enlistment bonus that the Army currently of-

fers for that skill, Byrne said The Army will also consider accenting airmen and sailors whose specialty does not directly convert to the Army MOS, but who are willing to reclassify and learn a new skill the Army needs. Byrne said.

Airmen and sailors who are reclassifying will also receive any bonus that is available for their new MOS, Byrne said.

Those servicemembers will naturally require additional skills training once they graduate from the Warrior course, Byrne said

Bonuses aren't guaranteed for servicemembers who sign up for

But such stipends are relatively plentiful in the Army — 190 out of the Army's 345 MOSs have a signing bonus, Byrne said. For MOSs that offer bonuses, the average stipend for a three-year enlistment is \$4,200, while the average bonus for a six-year hitch is \$8,300, Byrne said.

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# U.S. Navy expands its early-out plan

BY SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. - Navy officials anticipate between 400 and 600 sailors will use the ser-vice's Early Transition Program, which lets eligible sailors separate up to 12 months earlier than planned.

The program has been changed since being introduced last year, and will let sailors separate a year early, rather than six months.

About 560 sailors took advantage of the program last year, said Lt. j.g. Kyle Raines, a spokesman for Navy Personnel Command.

'We want all of our good sailors to stick around and stay Navy ... and this is really de-signed for those who have jobs or educational opportunities lined up, and we're giving them the opportunity to fill those personal goals a year earlier," Raines said.

The program is not available to sailors under a selective re-enlistment bonus or in a rating that is SRB eligible, or in who are SEALs (Sea, Air and Land), explosive ordnance disposal. divers or Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewman, or in a nuclear rating.

"Of the sailors in those special categories, the reasoning they're not eligible is because they are in critical or undermanned ratings, or because we offered them SRBs for re-enlisting." Raines said

going through their chain of command, to Navy Personnel Command. All separations under the program must be ef-

fected by Sept. 15. For the most part, officials anticipate mostly first-termers will take advantage, Raines said. "They make up the largest percentage of people getting out of the Navy anyway, and frankly, the longer you're in, the longer likely to stay.

"For sailors with impending educational or civilian career plans, this program could offer just the extra time and opportunity they need to get started on a new life," Vice Adm. Gerry Hoewing, chief of Naval Personnel. aid in a statement. "I am delighted that this great retention we are continuing to experience has allowed us to offer the program again this year."

As of June, the Navy was on

pace to retain 59.6 percent of eligible sailors in Zone A, or those with less than six years of ser-vice, for fiscal 2004. The goal is 56 percent. In Zone B (those with six to 10 years of service) the pace is 73.2 percent, above the target of 70 percent.

The percentages do not count those whose applications have yet to be processed, Raines said.

If the Navy surpasses its retention goals, officials could adjust recruitment goals to keep personnel numbers in check

More information found in Navy message NAVADMIN 151/04, and available at: www.bupers.navy.m E-mail Sandra Jontz at: jontzs@stripes.osd.mil



Commissaries in Europe have upgrad ed their technology to ensure the items purchased properly match the item featured on coupons. This saves cashiers from having to take the time to manually examine the shopper's coupons to determine whether they are for the exact product being

Coupons still will be accepted six months past the expiration date, according to the Defense Commissary Agency, Europe.



# Europe commissaries upgrade with coupon scanning technology

### New equipment makes sure discount is for exact product being purchased

BY JESSICA INIGO Stars and Stripes

DARMSTADT, Germany - A technology upgrade to commissaries in Europe now ensures shop-pers are using the correct coupons to purchase their groceries. All commissaries in Europe completed the computer upgrade

about two weeks ago. Previously, coupons were man-

ually inspected and sometimes used for the wrong product, according to Kay Blakley, consumer advocate for Defense Commissary Agency, Europe.
Now, computers compare the

product code to the item listed on the coupon and, if there is not an exact match, the coupon is kicked back, Blakley said.

Because of the upgrade, some shoppers may experience prob-lems with their coupons not being accepted. Blakley suggests closer inspection when using coupons.

"We certainly do not want to discourage people from using coupons," Blakely said. "If a shopper ses coupons for extra savings, more power to them."

She said shoppers must select the exact product featured on a coupon. For example, if a coupon offers savings for a specific name brand of a 16-ounce package of dry soup, a shopper cannot use the coupon on the same brand of canned soup.

"It's got to be an exact match, or it won't go," she said.

Coupons should be given to the cashier prior to the transaction. with the exception of two-for-one or buy-one-get-one-free coupons. These are best left with the prod-

Coupons in Europe are still accepted six months after the expiration date.

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# On common ground

# NATO's first senior NCO steps up effort to standardize alliance's enlisted corps

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY

Stars and Stripes

CASTEAU, Belgium — On a recent tour of NATO installations, a Turkish soldier approached the top noncommissioned officer at NATO to commend him for trying to improve the alliance's enlisted corps.

"You give us hope," Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Alford L. Mc-Michael said, repeating what the senior soldier had said. "You make us dream, again. We can be important to our country."

The effort to elevate — through training and education — the posture and performance of the NATO enlisted corps is primarily aimed at NATO's newer members, nations such as Estonia or Romania. But even old allies recognize the value of setting a uniform standard and sticking to it, McMichael said.

Achieving a level of standardization in areas such as job performance and personal conduct will take time to sink in, perhaps as long as a generation, said Mc-Michael, the alliance's first senior NCO. And yet that's a main focus of his and Gen. James L. Jones, the supreme allied commander Europe.

"Some of these nations only think leadership starts at the top, so they become stagnant," Mc-Michael said during a recent interview in his office at SHAPE headquarters in Casteau.

"In our system," he said, "we teach leadership from the lowest level.

"So, if something happens to [a unit's officer], a platoon sergeant doesn't wait until a new captain gets sent out to a fight. He steps up and leads the charge."

A case in point is the NCO campaign itself.

McMichael was set to retire last year after a four-year hitch as the Marine Corps' command sergeant major. Jones, who has known and worked with McMichael for years, asked him to consider postponing his retirement to help the alliance develop a more professional NCO coms.

The 52-year-old took Jones up on his offer, arriving at SHAPE a year ago.

"The biggest apprehension came from the established countries, because they thought their culture would have to change," McMichael said. "We're not asking [them] to change. We're asking [them] to partner with us to help us bring the others up to that least?"

In September, McMichael and his staff plan to present Jones with a formal set of standards to guide the alliance's NCO corps. The standards focus on such is-



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A year ago, at the urging of Gen. James L. Jones, supreme allied commander Europe, Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Alford L. McMichael—shown above with hundreds of commemorative coins he has accumulated through the years — delayed his retirement to become the first senior noncommissioned officer to represent NATO's enlisted force.

sues as good order and discipline, training and personal appearance. A formal definition of an NCO is still in the works, but a preliminary draft refers to noncommissioned officers as "the backbone" of the alliance.

"The NCOs are going to be key to this new NATO Response Force," said U.S. Air Force Col. Mark P. Sullivan, commandant of the NATO School in Oberammergau. Germany.

At the 2002 summit in Prague, Czech Republic, NATO nations concluded that the alliance needed to transform itself to stay relevant in a changing world. Among other things, the allies decided to form a quick response force and to create a leaner and more flexible force structure, one that empowers NCOs and follows a common standard.

To address the last issue, the alliance has decided to create an academy for NCOs assigned to, or working with, the alliance. There's no firm date, but it's likely to happen sooner rather than later.

"This is overdue," Sullivan said. "We've needed this for some time."

Up until a couple of years ago, the NATO School in Oberammer-gau was open only to officers. However, expansion and the Partnership for Peace program for non-NATO nations led the school to open its doors on a limited basis to NCOs, though Sullivan noted there was some resistance at first.

Sullivan said instructors have "found an incredible discrepancy" in some classroom groups between students of various nations.

Catherine Combe is a senior noncommissioned officer in the French army. She also teaches at Oberammergau and finds many of the students eager to learn.

"They don't even know what they are hungry for," Combe said.

And yet, she adds, all of the time and money and effort go to waste if the sponsoring nation doesn't display the same eagerness to improve.

McMichael says he can help on that front by putting a NATO, not an American, face on it, and by preaching the team concept.

"Our goal," he said, "is the next generation."

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# Defense measure will help fund war

BY ALAN FRAM The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House-Senate bargainers agreed on a \$417 billion defense bill that includes \$25 billion for U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan

The compromise measure, which is mostly for 2005, also has money for war refugees in Sudan and American diplomats in Baghdad and Kabul. And it will provide \$25 million each for buttressing security this summer in Boston and New York as they host, respectively, the Democratic and Republican presidential nominating conventions.

Congress is expected to approve the legislation next week, law-makers' last stretch of work before recessing until September.

With troops under five in Iraq and Afrikanistan President Bush

With troops under fire in Iraq and Afghanistan, President Bush and members of both parties want the measure completed before the political party gatherings.

Speed is also a factor because lawmakers and the Pentagon are not sure there would otherwise be enough cash to pay for the two wars in the final weeks of the government's budget year, which runs through Sept. 30.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young and other lawmakers said the legislation includes the \$25 billion Bush requested in May for U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The money will be available as soon as the bill is enacted.

The \$25 billion is expected to be less than half what will ultimately be needed for the two wars next year.

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# Study: too few family members get support

amily support profession-als and volunteers have expanded programs to help military families cope with longer, more frequent separations due to operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But weaknesses in coordination, communication and command oversight still deny too many families access to the information and help they need, says a new study by the National Military Family Association

Just as the operational military must transform missions and force structure for a protracted war on terrorism so must family support change for a new era, says the report, "Serving the Home Front: An Analysis of Military Family Support from Septem-ber 11, 2001, through March 31, 2004

Stabilizing military home life requires more command involvement, better marketing and outreach to families living off base. standardized staff training, and stronger partnerships with communities including local agencies, schools and even media, the report says.

NMFA, the "voice of military families," wrote the report based responses from more than 2,500 military spouses to an on-line survey. NMFA also conducted spouse focus groups and asked family support providers to com-plete questionnaires. A NMFA team then analyzed the results,

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shaped recommendations and wrote the 36-page report.

Joyce Wessel Raezer, NMFA director of government relations, said family support programs weren't ready for the number and length of deployments and mobilizations ordered since the 9/11 at-

"There were a lot of programs that people thought would work. What wasn't anticipated was the extra burden of communicating what's available, helping families sort out realistic expectations

Managing expec tations are the challenge, she said, every time a de

ployment is extended or communication with a servicemember breaks down. Nobody was prepared to take that on, to say, 'We've got to do some educating here to help our families more realistically understand what to ex-

Family support before 9/11 as sumed predictable, limited de-ployments, not tours of a year or more for hundreds of thousands of troops, many of them mobi-lized National Guard members and reservists.

"A church would say 'Let's get a support group for families of deployed servicemembers.' That's a nice idea," said Raezer. "But how do you sustain those volunteer ef-

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> Jovce Wessel Raezer NMFA director of government relations

forts over the long term?' The report emphasizes the positive, describing successful initiatives and encouraging broad re-

forms. It doesn't press for new, costly programs. It seeks better coordination, more aggressive and thoughtful communication, consistency in family support training

Susan Evers, project coordinator has a husband and two sons in the Army. One son completed a tour in Iraq. The other could be sent. Evers said she hopes the report is read "by everyone, from headquarter staffs and service leaders down to unit commanders and volunteers, so that at

every level they learn how to improve on what they do for families."

Some of what's being done is extraordinary imaginative, NMFA officials found. Its own study was funded by Sears, Roebuck and Co., part of a \$2 million donation to NMFA. Most of that money is underwriting Operation Purple, special summer camps

for military children in the United States to help deal with the stress of parents deployed. The full NMFA report and details of Operation Purple can be found at www.nmfa.org.

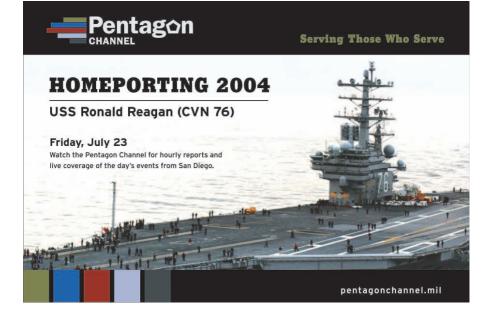
But NMFA also found disappointing levels of support. Frustration is higher among families living off base and, in some cases, hundreds of miles from military programs. NMFA took special note of problems for families in understanding Tricare, accessing preventive mental health services and finding childcare.

Lisa Clay, whose husband Don is a Marine Corps platoon sergeant running daily patrols in Iraq, helped research and write the report. Military spouses overall, she said, "aren't disgruntled" but they expect more thoughtful. coordinated help. Clay recalled, for example, that a hospital commander arranged a briefing for families on changes to Tricare. But it occurred at 11 am on a weekday when many spouses are working.

Clay also noted that deploying troops are encouraged to provide spouses with powers of attorney. Yet some base finance offices don't even recognize those powers, turn away spouses seeking copies of, or changes to, member leave and earnings statements,

With family support programs so dependent on command involvement, one of NMFA's many recommendations is that attention to family needs be made a rated item on unit or base commanders' fitness reports.

Comments are welcomed. Write Military Update, P.O. Box 231111, Centreville, VA 20120-1111, e-mail milupdate@aol.com or visit: www.militaryupdate.com



# Sailors recoup lost beer day in Naples

BY KENDRA HELMER

Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — In the second aircraft carrier visit to Naples this month, sailors are packing local and base businesses.

On its cruise home to Norfolk, Va., the USS George Washington arrived Wednesday for a port call. After spending nearly five months in the Persian Gulf, several of the 5,000 sailors said all they wanted to do was relax rather than rum around seeing the sites.

#### U.K. terror exercise

Americans in the United Kingdom may encounter a mock terror alert in the central

part of the country Sunday. Exercise Horizon will engage more than 2,000 law enforcement and medical officials and 400 volunteer "casualties" to test their response to a poison gas attack. It will take place at an undisclosed location.

Air Force members stationed at RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall will not participate in the exercise, according to base public affairs officers.

From staff reports

Dozens of sailors packed the Capodichino base bar Thursday afternoon.

"We got stressed out," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Alex Luzon. "It was good to get to Italy with the cool weather," he said. Though temperatures here are in the 90s, he said it beats launching and recovering aircraft in the triple-digit temperatures of the Gulf

The carrier and Carrier Air Wing 7 have flown more than 7,200 sorties since leaving Norfolk on Jan. 20. For Operation Traqi Freedom, it launched more than 1,500 sorties, dropping about 82 tons of ordnance in support of ground troops in Iraq, said Lt.

John E. Gay, ship spokesman.
"The sentiment we got from the ground troops was just the fact that aircraft came from the area seemed to deter any uprising,"

The carrier was in the Gulf from Feb. 17 through July 5. Sailors also had a port visit to Souda Bay, Crete, and three visits to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates.

At one point, sailors spent 52 days at sea. Normally after 45 straight days at sea with no port call, sailors are treated to a steel-beach picnic — a barbecue



KENDRA HELMER/Stars and Str

Sailors who work long hours launching and recovering aircraft on the aircraft carrier USS George Washington enjoy a day off by drinking some cold ones Thursday at the base club in Naples, Italy.

held on the flight deck — and two beers apiece. Several sailors grumbled that they didn't get a beer day.

"Our morale is so low, the only thing we want to do is drink," said Petty Officer 3rd Class James Moore, a fire controlman.

The decision whether to have a beer day was at the discretion of the commanding officer, Capt.

Martin Erdossy, Gay said.

"Quite frankly, we couldn't take the day off," Gay said. While several sailors relaxed at the bar, scores of others shopped downtown and on base and trav-

eled to Rome and Pompeii.
"It's been a great deployment,"

said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Charles Gunter, a radio officer, as he shopped at the Navy Exchange. "[The port visit] is like coming home."

Gunter previously was stationed in Naples. He has caught up with friends and bought leather purses for his wife and Italian gifts for his 5-year-old son, who was born here.

"Now I'm broke," he said, smil-

Also in port in Naples is the USS Roosevelt, a Mayport, Fla-based destroyer that isn't part of the Washington strike group.

E-mail Kendra Helmer at:

#### AF Academy begins random steroid checks

BY ROBERT WELLER
The Associated Press

DENVER — The Air Force Academy has begun randomly testing everyone from cadets to civilian employees for steroids amid an investigation into the use of the drug among students.

The tests began last month and include active-duty military personnel at the school and students at the academy's preparatory school, along with about 4,000 cadets and a handful of civilian workers.

Four cadets, including two members of the Air Force football team, were charged with possession or distribution of steroids, the school announced last week. A fifth cadet is under investigation, academy spokesman Johnny Whitaker said. The school announced the

The school announced the charges against running back Matthew Ward and linebacker overton Spence Jr., along with two other cadets, on July 6. Ward and Spence were suspended from the football team during the investigation, academy spokeswoman Capt. Kim Melchor said.

The school's superintendent will decide whether Spence and Ward should face a court-martial. The other two, Eric M. Swartz and Jonathan S. Belkowitz, also could face a court-martial.



### IN THE STATES



Martha Stewart is flanked by her lawyers Robert Morvillo, left, and John Tigue outside Manhattan federal court after her sentencing Friday in New York. Stewart was sentenced Friday to five months in prison and five months of home confinement for lying about a stock sale. She also received 5 months of home detention.

# Martha Stewart receives 5-month prison sentence

BY ERIN MCCLAM The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Domestic icon Martha Stewart was handed a prison term of just five months Friday for lying about a stock sale. After asking the judge for leniency, she emerged defiant from the courthouse to say she was being persecuted and declared, "I'll be back."

"I'm not afraid. Not afraid whatsoever. I'm very sorry it had to come to this," she told a crowd of media and supporters afterward, speaking in a strong voice on the courthouse steps.

Stewart, who was also ordered to serve five months of home con finement and fined \$30,000, did win a key victory when U.S. District Court Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum stayed her sentence pending appeal, a process that could last many months.

Peter Bacanovic, the high-pow ered stockbroker who was convicted along with Stewart of lying about her stock sale in December 2001, received the same sentence of five months in prison and five

### Stock punishment

Details of Martha Stewart's sentence, handed down Friday by U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum:

■ PRISON: Five months. Ceum accepted a defense reguest that the Bureau of Prisons assign Stewart to a federal prison in Danbury, Conn., close to her home in Westport. Stewart will be allowed to stay out of prison while she appeals her

■ HOME DETENTION: Five months, following the prison term. Stewart chose her home in Bedford, N.Y. She must remain in her home except for employment activities, medical appointments, religious observances -

months home confinement

Stewart's sentence also was far less than it could have been. Experts had predicted she would receive 10 to 16 months for her conviction on charges she lied to federal prosecutors about the reason and circumstances surrounding

but those exceptions must total no more than 48 hours per week. For one day a week, she may not leave under any circum-stances. Cedarbaum is considering whether Stewart must wear an electronic monitoring brace-let on her ankle. Must pay any costs associated with home de tention, as determined by a pro-

bation officer. SUPERVISED RELEASE Two years, in which Stewart must report to a probation offic-

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her well-timed sale of stock in Im-

Clone Systems Inc. In the courtroom, Stewart, 62, projected a much less confident image, appealing in a shaky voice for a reduced sentence and asking the judge to "remember all the good I have done."

# Medicare changes policy to now regard obesity as an illness

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Centers for Medicare

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Administrator.

BY ELIZABETH WOLFE The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Medicare now recognizes obesity as an illness, a change in policy that may allow millions of overweight Americans to make medical claims for treatments such as stomach surgery and diet pro-

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said, "Obesity

critical a is a critical public health problem in our country that causes mil lions of Americans to suffer probhealth lems and to die prematurely.

nesses results in billions of dollars health-care costs, Thompson said. "With this new policy. Medicare will be able to re-

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view scientific evidence in order to determine which interventions improve health outcomes for se-

niors and disabled Americans who are obese," Thompson told a Senate panel on Thursday With the removal of language

in Medicare policy that said obesity is not an illness, beneficiaries will be able to request a government review of medical evidence to determine whether certain treatments for obesity can be cov-

Though Medicare and Medicaid programs cover sicknesses caused by obesity — including type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular several types of cancer and gallbladder disease - the previous policy meant that weight-loss therapies have often

been denied coverage. The medical science will now determine whether we provide coverage for the treatments that reduce complications and improve quality of life for the millions of Medicare beneficiaries who are obese," said Mark Mc-

> ministrator of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, oversees health insurance grams for the elderly, dis-

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abled poor. Some tractors of the change said it is based on un-

"We have a tremendously fear of higher than average weight in this culture," said

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University of Colorado law professor Paul Campos, author of The Obesity Myth "What's partly baseless is this notion that the government needs

to intervene to make Americans thinner." Campos said. HHS said the policy change is not expected to immediately alter Medicare coverage, and no fig-ures were provided on potential costs to taxpavers. The Medicare agency said it may meet this fall to review scientific evidence on

various surgical procedures relat-

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### AP requests release of Bush service records

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Associated Press asked a federal judge Friday to order the Pentagon to quickly turn over a full copy of President Bush's military service record.

The White House has released partial documentation of Bush's military service in the Texas Air National Guard but has not complied with the news service's Freedom of Information Act request for any record archived at a state library records center in Texas, the AP said in a court fil-

Records released so far do not put to rest questions over whether Bush fulfilled his National Guard service for a period during the Vietnam War, the AP argued in papers filed in federal court in New York.

Those records came from federal records clearinghouses. Texas law requires separate record keeping for state National Guard service, and those records should exist on microfilm in Austin, the

"A significant, ongoing contro versy exists over the president's military service during the Viet-nam War, specifically whether he performed his required service between May and October 1972," lawyers for the AP wrote.

The public has an intense and legitimate interest in knowing the facts concerning the president's military service. Reviewing the microfilm copy of the personnel file at the Texas Records center could well answer the questions that have been raised," the lawvers wrote.

# Judge strikes ban 🛭 on violent games

### State's law covering some mature video game sales ruled too narrow

BY GENE JOHNSON

The Associated Press

SEATTLE - A federal judge struck down Washington state's ban on selling some violent video games to minors, calling it a violation of free speech.

U.S. District Judge Robert Lasnik wrote Thursday that depictions of violence have been used throughout the country's history to convey important social messages, and that the Supreme Court has never upheld bans on violent depictions under obscenity laws

The state's ban sought to prevent minors from buying or rent-ing games that portray "realistic or photographic-like depictions of aggressive conflict" in which the players kill or injure law enforcement officers. The law included a provision to fine retailers \$500 for

Lasnik said the law was too narrow because it arbitrarily banned violence against police officers but not other depictions of violence, and too broad because it was unclear what games would fall under the ban

"Would a game built around 'The Simpsons' or the 'Looney Tunes' characters be 'realistic enough to trigger the act?" he wrote. "The real problem is that [a

store] clerk might know everything there is to know about the game and yet not be able to determine whether it can legally be sold to a minor.' To obey the law, he said, store

clerks would tend to be overly cautious in selling games to minors and game makers would tend to be overly cautious in designing them — resulting in a chilling effect on free speech.

The game industry welcomed the ruling and said it will continue to encourage retailers to voluntarily refuse to sell mature-rated games to children under 17, as movie theaters voluntarily check



Video games such as Microsoft's XBox game "Dead to Rights" have beat Washington state's attempt to ban selling some violent electronic games to minors.

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"We were obviously really gratiwe were obviously really grati-fied by the ruling," said Doug Lo-wenstein, president of the Wash-ington, D.C.-based Entertainment Software Association

The state argued that the law focused on the state's compelling in-terest in curbing hostile and anti-social behavior youths, including violence and aggression toward law enforcement officers.

The ban never took effect. Lasnik barred its implementation last summer until he had a chance to review its constitution-

### Los Alamos stands down after lab security lapse

BY LESLIE HOFFMAN The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. —

All classified work at Los Alamos National Laboratory has come to a halt while officials conduct a wall-to-wall inventory of sensitive data.

unprecedented stand-down began at noon Thursday, and the inventory of CDs, floppy disks and other data storage devices is expected to be completed within days, lab spokesman Kevin Roark said. The stand-down comes after

the lab reported last week that two items containing classified information turned up missing. The items were identified only as removable data storage devic-

It is the latest in a series of embarrassments that have prompted federal officials to put the Los Alamos management contract held by the University of California up for bid for the first time in the 61-year history of the lab

The Energy Department has announced that Deputy Energy Secretary Kyle McSlarrow and Linton Brooks, head of the National Nuclear Security Administration, will personally oversee

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham said he told McSlarrow earlier this week to use "all available mechanisms" to find the missing items, including polygraphs.

Despite efforts to reduce the lab's inventory of removable data storage devices and revamp custodial policies for the material, officials said some employees are simply not following the rules

"This is the third incident in about eight months. Part of me wants to say, 'Get rid of the damn labs,' "said Ward Connerly, university regent, in San Francisco, However, he said he doesn't believe another institution could do the job as well.

Lab and university officials reiterated pledges to protect na-tional security and said a culture change is needed at the lab.

"This behavior and these breaches of national security won't be tolerated," regents chairman Gerald Parsky said.

The university hasn't decided whether to compete for the management contract when it expires next year, although re-gents have told staff to prepare as though they will.

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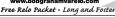
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#### IN THE WORLD



A relative carries the body of a boy, a victim of a fire at the Lord Krishna Middle School, outside the Kumbakonam General Hospital mortuary Friday in Kumbakonam, India. A fire at the school killed at least 84 students and wounded 100 more, officials said.

# School fire in India kills 84, injures 100

BY M. LAKSHMAN The Associated Press

KUMBAKONAM, India - As flames swept through their thatch-roofed school, hundreds of children scrabbled to escape Friday, clawing at concrete walls and falling over each other.

Eighty-four children died and more than 100 were injured, officials said.

No teachers died, and a senior fire officer said it was because they abandoned the children and fled. But the district government administrator said it was too early to know, and he noted that some 700 children got out alive and likely were aided by teach-

The fire started in a kitchen and jumped across the flammable roofs of the three-story, pri vate Lord Krishna Middle School, said J. Radhakrishnan, the administrator for the Thanjavur dis-trict, 1,300 miles south of New Delhi, India's capital.

He said that when the fire burst out at 11 a.m., the building was packed with 800 students - most ages 6 to 13 — in rooms shared by up to six classes at a time.

Afterward, local television showed dozens of small, black-

ened bodies with skeletal limbs piled two or three deep, covering the entire floor inside a large hall where they were laid out, burned beyond recognition, their clothes seared off of flaking skin.

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More than 30 survived with burn injuries, but many of them died as the hours passed in the local government hospital. screaming in pain or lying unconscious in a large emergency ward. Doctors applied ointment on their scalded bodies. Nurses placed large banana leaves - believed to soothe the burning skin
— under the injured or on their wounds.

Parents, many crying, waved hand-held bamboo and plastic fans despite the air conditioning to soothe the inflamed wounds. Hundreds more waited outside

"As far as we can make out, the fire started in the kitchen of the school on the ground floor," Radhakrishnan told The Associated Press. "The sparks flying up would have set fire to t thatched roof on the first floor.

the hospital

The school's long, narrow, windowless classrooms each had only one exit, such as the 2,100-square-foot third-floor hall, where six classes were studying together because of a lack of space. The flames brought down the roof of bamboo logs and coconut leaves on the heads of children trapped inside.

#### Crash prompts autobahn closure

BERLIN - A transport truck crashed and burst into flames on Friday, forcing the closure of a stretch of a major highway near the northern German city of Braunschweig, police said.

The driver of a truck carrying rubber and other goods apparently

lost control of his vehicle on the A2 autobahn toward Berlin, a major east-west link, Friday morning. The truck skidded along a guard rail, then crashed into a sound protection wall and burst into flames. The fire was so intense that the heat may have damaged a bridge

next to the crash scene, and authorities said the highway would be closed at least through the weekend for inspections. The truck driver and his passenger were seriously injured, but their injuries were not life-threatening, police said.

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# STARS STRIPES LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Thanks for my life

I've been an employee of KBR for the last six months deployed in Balad, Iraq, as a truck driver hauling ice to different bases all over the country

On a night mission on June 29, our convoy was ambushed by a "daisy chain" of improvised explosive devices, rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire. The convov consisted of about 20 vehicles of KBR and military vehicles, of which several were disabled. Four persons - three military personnel and I - were wounded

My vehicle was hit by an IED explosion on the front right side and shrapnel came through the passenger side window, tearing into my right arm and chest. I was bleeding all over the place, sending me into confusion and shock.

The next thing I remember is someone nulling me out of the truck, laving me on the ground and elevating my legs. Someone put an IV into my arm and kept pres-

sure on my wounds. As I was being treated, I heard the sound of small-arms fire, which I believe were our guys keeping the enemy off of us long enough to get the injured into a medevac helicopter, which was called and re-

sponded very quickly. My purpose in writing is to thank the 1462nd Transportation Company attached to the 7th Transportation Battalion and their commander, Edward Cornish. They were the ones responsible for saving my life. I cannot tell you enough how professional and courageous this Army National Guard unit from Howell, Mich., is and how bravely they reacted under an intense amount of pressure. These guys were so cool and calm during the whole ordeal. like it happens to them every day. It just made me relax and calm down and I knew I was in good hands with them around Thanks, guys

A couple of days after the ordeal, they came by the hospital to check on me, and again I can't express what a great bunch of guys these are.

You guys are in my prayers and those of my wife every day.

Come home safe and come home soon,

and I'll buy the beer. Just let me know

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#### More on Moore

The senior airman who wrote "Making more money" (July 7) is so out of touch with the facts it is ridiculous.

How about starting with the beginning of the letter: "It is nice to see Michael Moore making money off the Sept. 11 tragedy." Are you making extra money for being over here? I know I am, I also know the reason why I'm making more money. It's because of the nature of the risk that is associated with doing a job over here. Have you stopped to realize the risk that is present when someone decides to rub the government the wrong way? Just ask Joseph C. Wilson, a former U.S. diplomat whose has charged the Bush administration with leaking the identity of his wife as a CIA covert operative, putting her in danger and possibly endangering her life. All because he questioned the pre-war intelligence on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. The effort, and risk it takes to dig deep enough into the lying and stab-and-iab world of governmental cover-ups, should be rewarded.

About the writer's claims that the Democrats and Mike Moore will support anything that will get them a few more votes, last time I checked this is a two-party system, and logic states that there can only be a winner and a loser. Wouldn't it be realistic to say that those of one side will always enjoy the idea of the other team making a huge mistake that will increase their chances of winning? I've seen Moore bag (former President) Clinton and the Democrats on more than a few occasions. So. next lame statement please.

Explain to me how Moore's making documentaries hurts the effort and the people who work over here. Why don't you ask the guys who go out in the streets everyday, who are attacked time and time again? They are attacked not by the Iraqi WMD threat that was shoved down our throats last year, but by more terrorists.

Why is it they are getting attacked by terrorists and not the Iraqi threat? It is because of the choices you, I and the rest of the American public were led to believe. The administration may have a good reason now for people to get shot at (since the fast-talkers have turned the issues to "see how he treats his people," instead of "WMD") but the initial reason was exaggerated. When Moore uses his freedom of speech, it doesn't hurt my efforts to do my job. I would love to hear from you, specifically, on how he affects yours.

Finally I would like to say that end does not justify the means. Regardless of the end of this conflict, the means were wrong and, some could say impeachable. I re member when many Americans were calling for Clinton's impeachment over a mistake, not even comparable to what we've witnessed today. Where are those same righteous Americans now, when an even larger mistake has been made? With such disregard for the facts and truth, these actions beg for the question. "If we were lied to like this on this scale, what else could they be lying to us about?"

People — yes, even the writer — are entitled to their opinion, but people are not, however, entitled to their own facts.

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#### **Mallard Fillmore**

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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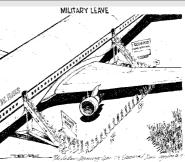
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#### Mysterious letter

BRIDGEPORT — Investigators are trying to trace the sender of a
letter loaded with white
powder that ended up at a
state prosecutor's office. A
september contained the
powder. Two years ago,
a letter laden with white
powder was mailed to
the same office from
a state prison inmate.

The latest powder letter was also came from a state prison.

#### More nurses-to-be

GREENVILLE—The University of South Carolina
Upstate plans to double its nursing school enrollment in the next year.
Chancellor John Stockwell said the school's nursing program will enroll up to 128 candidates each year. Stockwell said the university plans to build a 524 million Health Education Complex on its Spartanburg campus.

The school changed its name last month from USC Spartanburg.

#### Murder charge

ELMHURST — Prosecutors said they charged a 38-year-old man with first-degree murder in the death of a high school student. They said Anson Paape shot the teen after he reused to play a version of Russian roulette. Paape allegedly loaded a revolver with a single bullet, spun the cylinder and fired at Michael Murray's forehead.

#### More food than ever

Base has a new, bigger grocery store. The \$10 million commissary replaced a 40-year-old store. Base officials say the new store will improve morale among airmen and their families. The \$50,000-square-foot building was built with money from a 5 percent surcharge on groceries.

#### Terror fire course

ELKO — The University of Nevada, Reno, Fire Service Academy has developed a specialized course in terrorism response it will ofter to municipal firefighters across the nation beginning in twill ofter to beginning to be used to be u

#### Lonely peacock

MA LEOMINSTER — A pining peacock living in a Leominster garage got no love from a neighbor, whose complaints spurred its owner to relocate the lonely bird in the interests of community relations.

Eunice Lloyd kept her 9-year-old peacock Boaz in her garage for six years, along with the bird's mate, a peahen named Ruth. Boaz's keening mating cry, which lasts from mid-spring to midsummer, seemed a little louder this year, after Ruth died last winter.

A neighbor fed up with Boaz's cries complained about a month ago, and City Councilor Richard



Marchand stepped in to try to resolve the situation. To keep the peace, Lloyd decided to give the bird to friends outside the city.

#### Cockfighting conviction

HI WAILUKU — A 61-year-old man has been convicted of racketeering, first-degree promotion of gambling and cruelty to animals in the first trial stemming from a yearlong undercover investigation into cocklighting operations on Mau.

William Dutro, of Wailuku, was among 35 people indicted in the investigation conducted in 2002. More than 20 are awaiting trial, while others have entered into plea agreements, prosecutors said.

Manlapao attended a series of cockfights between February and June 2002, observing who was participating actively and making bets. He testified that Dutro was observed weighing roosters before their participation in fights at events in Waikapu and Puunene.

Hupp said Dutro was the first to go to trial because at the time of the incident he was on parole on a firearms conviction.

#### **Authorities plan wells**

LUBBOCK — The main supplier of water to 11 communities in drought-parched West Texas wants to place hundreds of small wells along its pipeline between Amarillo and Lamesa over



#### Sunstruck

Wanda Ramondini, 74, top, stands on the roof of her house to measure the height of the sunflower plants while her husband, Ernie, 89, holds the other end of the measuring tape Monday in Merced, Calif. The plants measured 13 to 15 feet. the next 20 years.
The board of the
Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, which has been looking for other sources of
water as Lake Meredith remains low, approved a
study of the proposed
project Wednesday at a
meeting in Sanford.

The move comes two months after Dallas oil tycoon and Panhandle landowner T. Boone Pickens declined to sell the authority water rights he owns or controls on about 110,000 Panhandle acres. Satterwhite said.

The water authority supplies water to about 500,000 people, two-thirds of the population of the South Plains and the Panhandle

#### Salmonella outbreak

PA PITTSBURGH — At least 34 cases of salmonella poisoning from a strain of the bacteria often found on fresh produce have been reported in western Pennsylvania since late last week, health officials said.

Investigators trying to track down the source of the outbreak are interviewing the victims about what and where they are in recent

Richard McGarvey, spokesman for the state Health Department, said the infections were all caused by the same type of salmonella bacteria. But he said it is too early to connect the outbreak to a specific food supplier or other outlet.

#### Second fireworks death

MELBOURNE — A second man has died of injuries suffered when he and a friend accidentally set off a load of fireworks last month while they were driving

Antonio Robinson, 27, died Tuesday evening at the hospital where he had been since the accident that burned him over 40 percent of his body, police said.

Robinson and Artavis Walker, 23, were lighting fireworks and throwing them out their car's windows the night of June 28 when a cigarette fell into the back seat and set off the remaining fireworks.

Robinson, who was in the passenger seat, escaped the flaming vehicle a few blocks before it crashed into a light pole. Walker was burned over 90 percent of his body and died the next day.

#### Adviser cannot return

TOPEKA — A federal judge on Wednesday threw out a court order that allowed the adviser of the Kansas State University student newspaper to resume his duties after he was removed amid criticism of the paper's coverage.

U.S. District Judge Julie Robinson ruled there was insufficient evidence to grant Ron Johnson's request for a temporary injunction to prohibit Kansas State from reassigning him from the post he held for 15 years.

Johnson was removed in May after the newspaper was sharply criticized for failing to cover a regional conference on black student government that drew 1,000 people to campus in February.

Johnson sued the university, alleging the reassignment was an attempt to control the content of the Kansas State Collegian.



Laddies of liberty Penny England, left, dressed as the state of Liberty, and Jessica Van Itallie, dressed as Marie Antoinette, Join the Bastille Day block party sponsored by Les Haller setaurant Wednesday in New York. Bastille Day market 1789 French revolution, when angry crowds stormed the Bastille Prison, which sarked the revolution that rid France of its monarchy.



Making a splash Javin Daniels, right, a lifeguard at Jones Mood of East St. Louis, Ill., into a steady flow of water at the park in East St. Louis on Tuesday. The National Weather Service issued a heat advisor was temperatures climbed into the high 90s.



'V' is for victory

Darin Jones, left, raises his arms in victory after beating his friend Clarence Kay in a game of backgammon Wednesday in Kay's front yard in Anderson, S.C.



Homecoming hugs

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Andrew Mrozik, 28, of Chicago, receives emotional homecoming hugs from his daughters, Autumn, 8, and Dakota, 2, right, Tuesday at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Mrozik, an avionics technician assigned to the Pendleton-based Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squad ron 369, returned home after a seven-month deployment that took him to Iraq, Japan, Philippines, South Korea and Thailand.



Footloose and fancy-free Stadium last week in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Boys Fancy dancer Delano Cleveland, 5, competes in the Pow Wow Dance Contest at the Thunder Falls Pow Wow at Sal Maglie

Scaredy cat

it in late August.

National Zoo zookeeper Tracey

ton zoo's three Sumatran tiger

Barnes holds one of the Washing-

cubs, while veterinarians prepare

to examine the animal as part of

the cub's 10-month check-up. The

cubs will likely go on public exhib-

#### New airport plans

ME PORTLAND — Aviation of-ficials plan to introduce new flight patterns and procedures at the Portland International Jetport. They're intended to reduce the roar of planes over many residential neighborhoods. The changes stem from a three-year study that was prompted by complaints of booms and rumbles during takeoff and landing.

#### Less license cheating

MS JACKSON — Nearly 60 percent of Mississippians applying for regular driver's licenses have failed the general knowledge test since the state switched to a computerized testing system in December. Officials say only 20 percent failed before the switch. Mississippi was one of 15 states last year to receive new automated testing services. The technology helps eliminate cheating

#### Buckling up is good

CHICAGO — Illinois drivers are safer since a new seat belt law took effect, state transportation officials said. They cited 63 fewer automobile-accident fatalities from a year earlier. A law enacted in July 2003 allows police to stop motorists because the drivers, front-seat passengers or children in the back seat are not buckled. Four out of five Illinois drivers and passengers are wearing seat belts.

#### Pigeon deadline

UT PLEASANT GROVE — Gordon Smith reluctantly killed about 100 pedigree racing pigeons to comply with a city dead-

The city gave him until the end of June to get rid of his birds.

The Planning Commission revoked his permit for having more than the allowed 50 pigeons on his property. He said he didn't have enough time to sell the hirds

#### Former banker cashes in

ANCHORAGE board of trustees of the Alaska Permanent Fund voted to offer the job of managing the \$27.9 billion fund to a former banker. Michael Burns, 57, said he was inclined to accept the \$200,000-a-year position. The fund is a depository for some of the state's oil revenue and is invested mostly in stocks, bonds and real estate. Some of the profits pay annual dividends to Alaska residents.

#### Firefighters scrutinized

TX HOUSTON — Houston Fire Chief Phil Boriskie says eight firefighters whose job applications have been questioned for possibly withholding damaging personal information remain on the job.

Boriskie told the Houston Chronicle for a story in Friday's editions that information from Assistant Fire Chief Herbert Sims that the firefighters had been fired was incorrect.

Boriskie said the eight were on active duty, but their futures with the department are subject to further review.

Boriskie said one firefighter was terminated two months ago because of the investigation by the city's Inspector General's Office.

Fire Department officials said nine other employees whose files had been questioned were cleared of any wrongdoing.

A nine-month investigation is under way of the fire department's hiring and recruiting practices.

#### Missing no more

OH NEWARK — A girl report-ed missing in California nine years ago was found in Ohio, living under a different name with her mother, authorities said.

Prosecutors said a woman recognized the girl's picture from the Web site of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and called sheriff's deputies.

The girl, Vanesa Brancheau, was 5 when she and her mother, Sheri Lyn Taylor, were reported missing in 1995 from the Los Angeles community of Woodland Hills, the county sheriff's office said in a news rele

Sheriff's Cant Rod Mitchell said Thursday that Taylor indicated that she and her husband had been fighting for custody of the girl at the time of the disappearance.

No charges have been filed, and Mitchell said more investigating was needed.

#### **Green Party gains**

WA OLYMPIA — Green Party candidates for congressional and statewide offices will be on the November ballot, the Secretary of State's office confirmed. Four Green Party candidates are campaigning for statewide and congressional seats. Party candidates are also seeking county commissioner seats in two counties

#### Sex with students

NH NASHUA — A former Mil-ford Middle School teacher has been sent to prison for at least a decade for having sex with two 14-year-old girls.

Kevin Marquis, 36, tearfully apologized in court Tuesday after pleading guilty. To the girls he had sex with and

two others for whom he purchased alcohol and cigarettes, Marquis said. "It tears me apart that I hurt you. If I were to read that someone else hurt you, I would be furious."

Marquis said he has struggled to overcome a bipolar disorder for the past two years. Although he said that should not excuse him, he maintained the disorder contributed to his behavior.

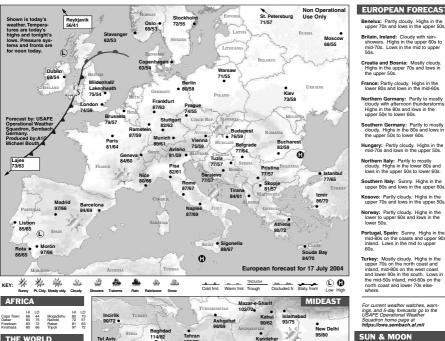
#### Bison hazing continues

MT HELENA — A federal anpeals court on Wednesday upheld a judge's decision to dismiss a lawsuit environmental groups filed to stop the hazing of bison wandering from Yellowstone National Park.

A three-member panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that U.S. District Judge Charles Lovell properly dismissed the suit in April 2003 because the groups had not proven their case against the federal agencies involved in the management of bison.

The groups had argued that efforts to haze or capture bison that leave the park were adversely affecting nearby nesting bald eagles, and that officials had not properly studied the effects on the protected birds.

Stories and photos from The Associated



#### **EUROPEAN FORECAST**

Benelux: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

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Northern Germany: Partly to mostly cloudy with afternoon thunderstorms Highs in the 80s and lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

Southern Germany: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the 80s and lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

Hungary: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Northern Italy: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s and lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

Southern Italy: Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Kosovo: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

mid-80s on the coasts and upper 90s inland. Lows in the mid to upper

upper 70s on the north coast and inland, mid-80s on the west coast and lower 90s in the south. Lows in the mid-50s inland, mid-60s on the north coast and lower 70s else

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### FACES 'N' PLACES



Jackie Chan does battle with an enemy in China in Walt Disney Pictures' "Around the World in 80 Days." The actor star says age is becoming a factor in his ability to do stunts.

# Action star wants to shed his 'happy-go-lucky' image

BY JAYMES SONG The Associated Press

HONOLULU ackie Chan is attempting his most daring stunt ever.

Chan wants to shed his happy-go-lucky, action star image to become a "real actor" who uses more dialogue and emotion than punches and kicks.

"I want to change. I want to be like Robert DeNiro. I want to be Dustin Hoffman " said the big-screen star from Hong Kong "I don't always want it to be like the old days. ... I want to change my image. I want to become an actor who can fight - not an action star.

Chan met with reporters in Hawaii while promoting his latest film, "Around the World in 80 Days," and to officially open his first U.S. restaurant, adding to the 40 he owns in Asia

The biggest reason Chan wants his

image from an acrobatic, high-flying mar tial arts master to a serious, more subdued actor is age. Chan, famous for performing his own harrowing stunts, turned 50 in April.

"Even though I'm pretty good, how long can I keep fighting?" he said. "Look at Robert DeNiro. Look at Clint Eastwood. They still can act."

The film star said he will probably do his own stunts in action films "for another five years," but he wants more dramatic roles like those in movies such as 1979's "Kram-

er vs. Kramer." which featured Hoffman. Chan recently attended a fund-raising screening of "Around the World in 80

Days," a reprise of the Jules Verne classic. The film was released by Disney.

"Around the World in 80 Days" has already generated a buzz, not necessarily for Chan's performance, but for the appearance of the action hero turned politician, Arnold Schwarzenegger, who plays the wom-anizing Prince Hapi.

"He's not that tough. He's a very nice guy," Chan said. "We talked a lot of jokes. Most of the time he was hiding in the corner playing chess."

The \$110 million film is the latest of Chan's Hollywood comedy-action films. "The Medallion." "Shanghai Knights" and "The Tuxedo all brought in lackluster results at the U.S. box office.

Chan is also working on a new sequel to his popular "Police Story" drama series that helped him gain international fame. He plays a crime fighter in "New Police dealing with gangsters and the death of his comrades.

The film, set to be released in Asia this fall, features several fight scenes and big explosions. It also gives Chan a chance to show his serious side, or what he calls being a "true actor."

"You can see it's a pure drama, but of course you have to have action. Otherwise I wouldn't have the international market,"

he said. "It's a heavy drama with action. There's no comedy.

Chan also will work on "The Myth." which he describes as an "Indiana Jones type adventure, before starting work on 'Rush Hour 3'

Hawaii is one of the spots being considered for filming the third in the popular "Rush Hour" series, competing with Thailand and Japan. Chan said he prefers Hawaii for its scenery, but co-star Chris Tuck-

er would rather shoot in Asia. From humble beginnings, Chan began his career trying to prove himself as an action star in Hong Kong. He became a huge star in Asia. Then he took on Hollywood.

"Right now, I have to prove I'm not ac-tion anymore," he said. "That's difficult because for all those years, for the big studios, everybody knows Jackie as an action star.

"I don't think they'll give me \$20 million to make 'Kramer vs. Kramer.' They don't want to take the risk," he said. "But they're willing to spend \$100 million to make 'Rush Hour 3' because this is a business."

#### Smith: Robots shouldn't look human

Will Smith figures robots will take over many domestic and menial tasks for humans

He just doesn't expect them to look much like his humanoidlike machine co-stars in the new film "I. Robot. Smith, 35, plays a detective in 2035 who suspects a robot has murdered the

reclusive scientist responsible for technological innovations that have populated the world with machine servants vaguely resembling humans.

In real life, though, humans have a psychological barrier against ma-



chines that look like themselves, Smith said.

"Technology is heading away from that, because people don't respond well to human-looking robots, especially if they're over 4 feet," Smith told The Associated Press in an interview last week promoting "I, Robot," which opens

#### Nick and Jessica's family plan

Pop star couple **Jessica Simpson** and **Nick Lachey** want to go from "Newlyweds" to "Parenthood."

The married stars of the MTV reality series "Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica" tell Us Weekly magazine they plan to start a family in the not-too-distant future.

"I don't think it will be in six months or a year, but after that. Nick's getting old." the 24-year-old Simpson told the



The 30-year-old Lachey told Us at a Big Brothers Big Sisters event in New York City: "We'd love to have our own children, but we have a heart for kids, and we'd love to adopt." The couple are considering adopting

a teenage child from an underdeveloped country As a teen, Simpson and her family

regularly visited an orphanage in Mexi-

However, cameras likely won't be invited into family life. The couple say this may be the last season for their MTV show.

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### **Horoscope**

The new moon in Cancer is like the emotional equivalent of moving into a new home. Just as all of your belongings must be accounted for and placed in their Joyce Jillson new surroundings, your new feelings must be recognized and put in their proper perspective. It's exciting when you can go forward in relationships without carry-

ing the old baggage. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 17). It's a year of expectations surpassed, so set your sights high! Always have a Plan A as well as a Plan B, and you'll succeed

where others have failed. Finances are improved when you put your heart into your work. You'll need to rack up extra hours in September. Couples go on an exotic trip in December. Sagittarius or Aquarius love is favored

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19).

There are numerous prospects in your realm today. Part of being creatively aware is being able to recognize opportunity when it shows itself. You'll make a great discovery while looking for something entirely unrelated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes, you notice what's wrong without giving credit to what is right. Don't make this mistake today, though, as there are many sensitive souls who will take issue with your approach. This afternoon features a

#### political game. GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You know what you want, but there may be an unconscious goal that is conflicting with your larger aim. The more honest you are, the more chance you have of eliminating all things in opposition to your goal.

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22). Reflecting on past mistakes and

glories helps you make solid career decisions. Make contact with people from your past. It won't be awkward - in fact, you'll be received with open arms by long-lost friends and

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Change is gradual, as much as you'd like it to be sweeping. Just as it's difficult to recognize the growth of a child

you see every day, you may not notice differences in yourself. But you can trust that you are

#### blossoming. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's not an area of your life that

couldn't use the "less is more" strategy now. Friendships grow tighter when you don't try too hard. You're romanti cally more alluring and more in demand at work.

#### LIBRA (Sept.

23-0ct. 23). Do anything you can think of to simpli fy your life. The more straightforward your activities are, the more time you'll have to pursue what you really enjoy.

Tonight, you could become enam ored of someone strong and able.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Listen to what you're thinking about when you're seemingly not thinking about anything at all. It is in those in-between spaces that your wishes and desires live. Tune in, and write

them down. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're feeling the pain of the world. Everywhere you look, you are getting evidence of the frailty of the human condition. Try to also see the strength humans possess.

We've survived this long, right?

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). While attempting to concen trate on your own business, you'll be distracted, coerced and diverted by truly annoying people. Minimize the time you spend caught up in matters you're really not willing to do anything about.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Try many options until you find the one you are most passionate about. The fire in your belly will give you clarity of purpose, without which all

actions are merely reactions. Don't be sucked in by the promise of a quick buck.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Your time is so valuable, you'll have to say "no" several times before noon in order to safeguard it! The vampires are out! Romance is going well now that a certain truth is in the onen. You feel more able to be vourself

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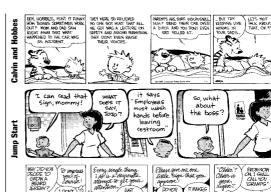
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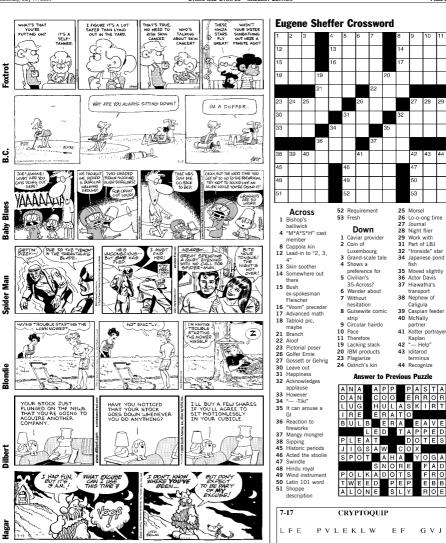








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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals L

# Not choosing pets over grandkid JUR

Dear Abby: I have an 8-year-old dog and a 5-year-old

cat. Unfortunately, my new grandson is allergic to both. I live only a few miles from my

daughter and grandson and visit them every day, but the baby can't come to my house My daughter is insinuating that I have chosen my pets over her baby

Abby, I need a truthful answer: Do you think I should get rid of my pets, or tell my daughter to wait to bring her baby over until he is old enough to be treated for his allergies? Please help - Wants to do

the Right Thing in Florida

Dear Wants: I see no reason why you should have to give up your pets - provided your clothing is free of dog and cat dander when you visit your grandson. Since you visit the baby every day, I see no urgency about

visiting at your house until he is older. It is not that you have chosen your pets over your grandchild, but rather that your daughter shouldn't force you into the position of having to choose unless it's absolutely necessary. (And it's not.)

#### Dear Abby Dear Abby: My

husband and I are friendly with several couples at church. These countes get together every week for a meal after services

Abby, they frequently make plans with one another right in front of us, without ever extend-

ing an invitation.

The other night, I was sitting at a table with several of the couples and became virtually invisible as they planned, in detail, an upcoming dinner party

I felt extremely awkward and

uncomfortable, but the group apparently was oblivious

Must we put up with this? Or should we take someone aside and point out how insensitive they are? I'd appreciate any

#### - Not Invited in Cupertino, Calif.

Dear Not Invited: Rather than taking anyone aside and pointing it out, I recommend you look around and see if there are any other church members with better manners with whom to socialize after church.

If your absence is mentioned. tell those people THEN how hurt, offended and unwanted you were made to feel by their insensitivi-

But don't expect them to change. Rude people rarely do.

Letters for this column - with your name and phone number - sh addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/deara Universal Press Syndicate

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### Find a balance for mom on chemo

Dear Annie: MV mom, who is a fairly active and healthy person, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Two weeks after the diagnosis, she had the lump removed. This week, she starts chemotherapy.

I have tried to be supportive, but I don't want to treat Mom as if she's an invalid. My father, on the other hand, is taking this very hard and has told Mom that he doesn't want her to leave the house for the entire treatment period of several weeks. He also told her she must wear a surgical mask if she goes out in public.

Lunderstand that Mom's white blood cell count will be down and she is more susceptible to infection, but I think putting her in "lockdown" will depress her. Dad won't listen to a word I say I'm afraid his paranoia will kill her faster than any disease she



might contract. How can I convince him? - Worried about Mom

Dear Worried: Don't pit vourself against your father when it comes to your mother's care. Instead, ask Mom's doctor to dis cuss the situation with Dad. The doctor's authority will carry more weight than anything you might

Even so while Dad is smothering her, you can provide a much-needed outlet for normalcy. Chemo can be debilitating, so be careful not to plan more than your mother can handle. Bring home some old movie comedies on video or DVD, and watch them together. Invite some of her closest friends over for tea and Scrabble on those days when Mom feels up to it.

Your extra care for Mom will allow Dad to share his burden

Also check out the American Cancer Society (cancer.org) for information and support.

Dear Annie: Is it ever appropriate for a man to wear a western hat in a restaurant? Please elaborate on proper wearing of hats

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Dear N.L.: There may be western-style restaurants where patrons are expected to keep their hats on, but otherwise, hats should be removed in restaurants. Etiquette rules say the only exception is a hat worn for religious purposes, although we think those who wear hats to cover a medical condition also should get a pass. The rest of you, however, are out of luck.

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#### **Family Circus**



"But if John the Baptist was Jesus" cousin, wouldn't God be John's uncle?"





Luckily, Eddie had stumbled upon a rare variety of deadly nightshade, the amicable Atropa belladonra congenialocus. (Later that same day, however, he blundered into some poison oak—a flat-out intolerant species.)



# Monsoon-season death toll above **400 in South Asia**

BY FARID HOSSAIN The Associated Press

DHAKA, Bangladesh - Monsoon floods continued to wreak havoc across India, Bangladesh and Nepal, submerging more villages while pushing the death toll higher with possibly three more months of annual rains to go, officials said Friday.

About 400 people in South Asia have died since the monsoon started last month with new deaths reported in Bangladesh and Nepal on Friday, according to official tallies and news reports. Last year, monsoon flooding in the region killed 1,500 people from mid-June to mid-October.

In Bangladesh, 15 people — including eight children — drowned in flood waters on Thursday, raising the death toll there to 83, the Sangbad and Bangladesh Observ-

er dailies reported.
About 15,000 people fled for

higher ground after the Padma River burst through an embank-ment Thursday in western Bang-ladesh, inundating 15 villages, re-lief officials said.

The Jamuna River surged through another mud embankment in the northern region, mean-while, leaving about 15,000 people stranded, the officials said on con-

dition of anonymity.

Floods caused by heavy rains have engulfed nearly half of Bangladesh, leaving more than 5 million people marooned in their houses, or huddled on embankments or in

In India, 235 people have per-ished in landslides, building collapses, or from waterborne dis-ease. Many others have drowned or been electrocuted since the monsoon began. No new deaths were reported in India on Friday, although weather officials predicted heavy rains in Bihar, Assam and other eastern states, where most flood-re-lated deaths have occurred.



Flood-affected villagers huddle in a boat as they try to move to safer areas Friday in the eastern Indian state of Bihar. The death toll in South Asia due to monsoon floods has risen to 400, and millions have been left stranded.

In Nepal, fresh rainfall was making it difficult for rescuers to reach areas hit by landslides and flooding, as the Himalayan kingdom's death toll increased to 77 on Fri-day, officials said.

Rescue helicopters with food, medicine and tents were grounded by deteriorating weather in the capital, Katmandu, said Home Min-

istry spokesman Gopendra Pan-



A special coast guard officer patrols at the main port of Piraeus, near Athens, in May. In addition to the \$1.2 billion Greece will spend on security, NATO said Friday that its entire Medi terranean naval fleet will be assigned to Olympics security

# NATO ships on board to aid Olympics

The Associated Press

PIRAEUS, Greece - NATO's entire Mediterranean naval fleet will be assigned to protect the Olympics as part of the alliance's unprecedented role in bolstering security for the games, the flotilla's commander said Friday.

Rear Adm. Hans Jochen Witthauer of Germany said all vessels under his command will work alongside Greek maritime forces to monitor the seas during the Aug. 13-29 Games.

The Standing Naval Force Mediterranean, based in Naples, Italy, includes more than a dozen frigates, destroyers and other vessels.

NATO also plans to conduct surveillance flights over Greece, which asked for help from its NATO allies to expand its Olympic

security.
But Witthauer noted that full monitoring of Greece's vast coastline and hundreds of islands "will

be a challenge."
"Every little fishing boat can easily pick somebody up and can more easily sneak up on a boat," he

NATO will operate outside Greek territorial waters. He refused to give greater details of NATO's naval duties during the Olympics

But the force has been involved

out the eastern Mediterranean since shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in New York and Washington.

Maritime protection has taken a prominent role in Greece's \$1.2 bilon security network

Greece is a major destination along illegal smuggling routes for immigrants and goods, Also, Olympic dignitaries, heads of state and others are expected to stay aboard at least eight cruise shins in the port of Piraeus.

Some global security analysts predict that terrorist groups could be studying attacks on shipping lanes and other targets at sea.

#### Patient's penis allegedly cut off

BUCHAREST, Romania - Medical authorities are investigating a Romanian doctor after he alleg-edly cut off a patient's penis accidentally during tes-ticle surgery, officials said Friday.

Mircea Cinteza, chairman of Romania's Doctors College, said colleagues would meet Friday to de-cide whether the unidentified urologist is guilty of malpractice

The patient's penis was severed during an operation at a Bucharest hospital on Tuesday.

Ioan Lascar, a plastic surgeon who performed an operation on the man Thursday to help him urinate, said the patient was in stable condition

Lascar said the 34-year-old man would undergo reconstruction surgery in the coming months but the chances of success are unknown.



# **War Is Tough** on Families

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For more information, or to learn how you can help, please contact your local Red Cross or visit www.redcross.org. Thank you.

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#### **Tennis**

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Thursday

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Thursday's games
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San Antonio 78, Connecticut 61
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San Antonio at Detroit Charlotte at New York Minnesota at Phoenix Washington at Sacramento

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National Basketball Association

ATANTA HAWKS—Signed G-F Stephen
Jackson to a Sk-year contract and traded
him to Indiana for FAI Harrington.
LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Signed G Kobe Bryant to a seven-year contract.

MEMPHIS REZIZIES—Signed F Shane Battler to a sk-year contract extension.

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URSINUS—Named Chris Bayless track and
field and cross country coach.

VERMONT—Named Jeff Roberts men's assistant lacrosse coach.

WESTMINSTER, UTAH—Named J.D. Gustin
women's basketball coach.
WILLIAM & MARY—Named Marcos Asse
men's assistant tennis coach.

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# Even with Bryant, Lakers are shaky

By MARK WHICKER The Orange County (Calif.) Register

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Back when the two could stand to be in the same city with each other, Kobe Bryant admiringly gave Shaquille O'Neal his own hip-hop

nickname: Wilt Chamberneezy.
On Thursday, Bryant sat in a quiet practice gym and insisted that his own nickname shouldn't be Mack E. Ovelli.

First, though, The Prince signed a contract for seven years and \$136.4 million to become the central nervous system for the Los Angeles Lakers, such as they

At the very least he is finally the master of his basketball universe. The Lakers belong to Bryant more exclusively than most NBA teams have belonged to any-

But it was important to Bryant to convince the city that he was a mere bystander to the Lakers' great unraveling, a stance that will bring laughter from Montana to Miami.

"Shaquille (O'Neal) had to make a decision to take care of his family," Bryant said. "Dr. (Jerry) Buss and Phil (Jackson) had some disagreements. I wish both of them well in their lives.

"Ultimately I wanted to come back with Phil and Shaquille and play for another championship. We had some great years together. I've been here eight years and we've played for the title four times. Shaq and I played well together. We had our disagreements and arguments but I told playing with Shaquille. In a perfect world, we'd all be back together."

#### Commentary

How did we suffer the misconception that Bryant arranged all this? Silly question.

"It was you guys (media), doing what you do best," Bryant said.

"I didn't laugh (at the speculation). It angers me, it upsets me, it hurts me. I had nothing to do with

Truthfully, Bryant would not be the first Laker to get his coach fired. Ask Paul Westhead about Magic Johnson. Ask Pat Riley about the coup plotters in 1990, after the Lakers were bounced by Phoenix. It also happened to Butch van Breda Kolff at the hands of Wilt Chamberlain.

Someone reminded Bryant that Jackson recently said the championships weren't enough for Kobe. "Yeah, I saw that," Bryant said,

shaking his head. "I couldn't believe that. The championships are what I play for." Then he admitted that he might

not be playing for another championship very soon.
"It'll be an uphill battle," he

said. "We're not even close to what we were. We just lost the most dominant force in the game. Dr. Buss has changed the direction of the team. We, as soldiers, have to do our part."

Then, amusingly, Bryant described himself as "just a piece in the puzzle."

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Sitting beside Bryant during this exercise in aerobic semantics was Mitch Kupchak, the aging general manager.

"I felt it should have been an easy decision," Kupchak said. "Especially considering all the Lakers had to offer."



His seven-year contract and Shaquille O'Neal's departure leave Kobe Bryant, above, in charge of the depleted Los Angeles Lakers.

He meant more years and more money than anyone else could bring.

Yet it says quite a bit about Bryant's opaque qualities that Kupchak, who has known Bryant all these years, had no idea what would happen.

For all the pretty things he said about his heart belonging to the Lakers, the fact is that Bryant kept Kupchak hanging while he considered playing for the Clippers, the Lakers' fellow tenants and their bipolar opposites. Nothing would have been more embarrassing for the premier franchise in baskerball.

"Finally Kobe said he was going to sign, and there was a feeling of joy. I do know that if he had not signed, it wouldn't have been a good day in Laker history," Kupchak said.

That's because Derek Fisher signed with Golden State for \$37 million. Fisher leaves, regrettably, as a footnote, when in reality he was one of the great playoff weapons in Lakers history — and his 0.4 earthquake shot in San Artonio would have been known as the all-time Lakers moment if the club had gone ahead and won the

championship. One way the Pistons beat the Lakers was by never leaving Fisher.

"He'll always be a Laker in our minds," Kupchak said. Just who is a Laker now?

Well, there's Gary Payton at point. Bryant Lamar Odom Luke

Bryant, Lamar Odom, Luke Walton and Caron Butler are on the perimeter. Brian Grant and several stiffs

Brian Grant and several stiffs to be named later will play center.

If Karl Malone doesn't join that list, the Lakers will have to hustle to even make the playoffs in a conference that was good anyway, and now features Tracy McGrady, Carlos Boozer and Kenyon Martin.

All in all, it was a typically contradictory day for Bryant, a guy who has shown little inclination to play for his country but who showed up Thursday in a USA warmup suit.

The Lakers' summer of all

fears is not over. Bryant's rhetoric on Thursday was ultimately insignificant. It doesn't matter what we believe. The Prince has a dozen citizens of Colorado to persuade.

Inexplicably, that piece of the puzzle keeps getting lost.

### Agent says G Fisher signs with Warriors

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Point guard Derek Fisher has agreed to a six-year, \$37 million contract with the Golden State Warriors, his agent, Mark Bartelstein, said Thursday.

A Warriors spokesman said the deal hadn't been finalized.

Fisher spent eight seasons with the Los Angeles Lakers, who drafted him out of Arkansas-Litte Rock in 1996. The Lakers won three championships with Fisher as a primary ballhandler for Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant, but when Los Angeles signed Gary Payton last summer, Fisher was relegated to the bench.

Fisher averaged just 7.1 points and 2.3 assists last season as Parton's backup, but didn't complain about his diminished role. In Game 5 of the second round of the playoffs, Fisher made one of the greatest shots in the Lakers' storied playoff history: an 18-foot jumper as time expired to beat the San Antonio Spurs.

But Fisher wanted more playing time next season, and it probably wasn't available in Los Angeles.

A day after Payton exercised his SS.4 million option for next season on June 22, Fisher opted out of the final two years of his deal with the Lakers. Fisher, who turns 30 next month, would have made just SS million in Los Angeles in each of the next two seasons.

Fisher will join a crowded backcourt in Golden State, with Speedy Claxton and Nick Van Exel also on the roster. But Van Exel and Claxton both spent significant portions of last season on the injured list, and forward Mike Dunleavy was forced to play point guard in the final weeks of

In other signings:

Manu Ginboili, the best player out of Argentina, re-signed with San Antonio, which also signed free agent guard Brent Barry.

Ginobili's deal reportedly was for six years and \$52 million, while Barry's four-year deal was believed worth between \$22 million and \$24 million.

Stephen Jackson will spend the next six years in Indianapolis after signing a contract worth between \$38 million and \$44 mil-

He was acquired by the Pacers from Atlanta for forward Al Har-

rington.

Harrington told Pacers president Larry Bird he would rather be traded than come off the bench again.

Memphis gave Shane Battier a six-year contract extension, with no terms announced. The forward averaged 8.5 points and 3.8 rebounds in 79 games last season and is seen as a team leader.

"His attributes both on and off the court epitomize what we as an organization value and look for from our players," Grizzlies President Jerry West said in a state-

# Martin traded to Nuggets for three first-round picks

BY JOHN MARSHALL The Associated Press

DENVER — Carmelo Anthony helped the Denver Nuggets reach the playoffs for the first time in nine years.

They hope Kenyon Martin can help them take the next step. Denver acquired Martin in a

benver acquired Martin in a sign-and-trade deal with New Jersey on Thursday, sending three future first-round draft picks to the Nets for the All-Star forward.

The deal, a result of several days of on-again, off-again talks between the teams, was completed after Martin agreed to a seven-year contract with the Nets.

"Any time you have a chance to add a player of the stature of Kenyon Martin, somebody who has been to the finals, who has been an All-Star, who plays with the ferocity that he plays with, that is an opportunity you really can't pass up," Nuggets General Manager Kiki Vandeweghe said. "We are very, very lucky to have



The New Jersey Nets felt that signing Kenyon Martin to a big contract would have hindered their ability to remain a contender in the Eastern Conference.

been in a position to take advantage of his being available."

New Jersey was expected to match any offers on Martin, a restricted free agent, but the Nuggets were set to offer him a front-loaded contract with a hefty signing bonus that would have had costly luxury tax ramifications for incoming Nets owner Bruce Ratner. New Jersey will get one of Denver's first-rounders, along with picks that once belonged to the Los Angeles Clippers and Philadelphia. "I felt that the magnitude of the

contract, both in its first year due to the signing bonus as well as over its duration, would seriously impair our ability to sign enough quality players," Nets President Rod Thom said.

The Nuggets have been stockpiling draft picks in Vandeweghe's three seasons as GM, adding to that stash by trading St. Joseph's guard Jameer Nelson, the team's first-round pick this year. The deal with Orlando gave Denver potentially five first-round draft picks in the next three seasons and cleared about 232 million in salary can space.

The Nuggets had been stingy with their draft picks in the past, but the chance to pick up Martin was too good to pass up.

The overall No. 1 pick of the 2000 draft, Martin averaged 16.7 points and 9.5 rebounds last season. He is known as one of

league's best defensive forwards and is a strong finisher on the break, which should fit in well with Denver's untempo style.

"We view Kenyon as a difference maker," Vandeweghe said. The deal could weaken New Jersey's chances of remaining

one of the elite teams in the Eastern Conference.

After reaching the conference finals in consecutive seasons, the

Nets were knocked out in seven games in a second-round series this year by Detroit. Martin will be hard to replace and New Jersey has little depth at

and New Jersey has little depth at power forward. Third-year forward Brian Scalabrine and veteran Aaron Williams are the most likely candidates to step into Martin's spot after Rodney Rogers became a free agent. "This was an extremely diffi-

cult decision for our franchise,"
Thorn said. "This core group of
players has had an amazing run
over the past few years, and we
will work diligently toward once
again competing for an NBA
title."

# **Armstrong's big ascent**

### Gains 2:30 on top rival after climb in the Pyrenees

By JOHN LEICESTER The Associated Press

LA MONGIE France - Lance Armstrong took a big step toward a record sixth straight Tour de France crown on Friday by surging past key rivals on the first climb in the Pyrenees

The Texan moved from sixth to second in the overall standings following a ride in which he was runner-up to stage winner Ivan Basso of Italy.

Jan Ullrich, Tyler Hamilton, Iban Mayo and Roberto Heras were among the pre-Tour contenders whose hopes of dethroning the five-time champion faded as Armstrong powered up the ascent ahead of them.

Riders started the 12th stage under blazing sunshine, then got doused by rain before emerging into sunny weather on the last of two major climbs on the 122.7-mile trek from Castelsarrasin to the La Mongie ski station.

"It was a great day, especially with the weather," Armstrong "First the heat, then the

thunder, then the sun again. For the overall standings, it is great.

But he wasn't ready to declare victory over Ullrich, his German challenger. Another Pyrenean stage, the Alps and a final time trial await before the July 25 finish in Paris.

"Jan's not finished," Armstrong said. "He starts slow and he's a tough guy who doesn't give up. He might have taken one on the chin today, but he always comes back and is strong in the last week.'

Ullrich, the 1997 Tour winner, lost 2 minutes, 30 seconds to Armstrong - a major setback. Hamilton gave up 3:27 while Heras was 2:57 behind. Iban Mayo of Spain was 1:03 back.

"I am disannointed today of course," said Ullrich, a five-time Tour runner-up. "It was actually going well until the rain. But I have a good team and we are not giving un.

Armstrong's merciless performance on the ascent to the La Mongie ski station showed he will be hard to beat

"Armstrong is the strongest man on this Tour," Basso said. think he's still got gas in his tank

Armstrong is 5:24 behind French champion Thomas Voeckler, who struggled in the mountain stage but retained the yellow jersey.

Voeckler had been leading Armstrong by more than nine minutes before the grueling stage. He placed 41st on Friday, 3:59 behind Armstrong and Basso

Armstrong is eyeing the second Pyrenean stage Saturday as an-other chance to further bury his rivals. If he triumphs and they falter again, the 127.7-mile route from Lannemezan to the Plateau de Beille could prove decisive for Armstrong.

"He stunned the favorites a hit today," said French rider Rich-ard Virenque, who was fourth overall and 6:20 behind Voeckler. Tomorrow, I think he's going to strike a sword blow on this Tour.'

Basso, considered a possible future Tour winner, won a stage for the first time in his career. The

#### 91st TOUR DE ERANCE

#### Steep grades

This stage from Lannemezan to Plateau De Beille has peaks with grades from 3.3 to 8.4 percent.





26-year-old cyclist captured the white jersey as the best young rider in 2002, when he placed 11th overall. He was seventh last year and hopes to win the showcase race in two to three years.

Englishman Ian Poulter made a fashion statement on Thursday and shot an opening-round 71.

### **Kendall:** Monty stays in contention Singh whose chance to win the

KENDALL, FROM BACK PAGE

"Forget that," Montgomerie said of the final missed putt. "A perfect round of golf has never been played on a links course and never will be. I would have taken 69 to start the day."

While Montgomerie looked forward to the weekend, defending champion Ben Curtis looked for a plane ride home. Curtis followed a 75 with a 74 and missed the cut a year after he won in his first major championship.

Els and Singh led a group of four players at 4-under par, three shots back, while Mickelson made a move with a bogey-free 66 that put him at 3-under, tied with U.S.

Open champion Retief Goosen. Making a bid for one of two ma-

jors he hasn't won, Singh put to gether a solid 1-under 70 that was good enough to stay in contention.

Open last year came apart on the last three holes at Royal St. George, played the difficult back nine without making a bogey on a day when the winds were never a big factor at Royal Troon.

"I know I have to go out there and grab it," Singh said. "I was given chances before and I didn't take them and I am in great position again this week.

Singh has won the Masters and PGA Championship, and needs the British and U.S. Opens to complete a career Grand Slam. After posting his early score Friday, though, he was more concerned with the immediate future

"It would be nice," he said. "I'm playing well, which is the best way to attack them, and if you feel good about your game, then you have a good chance of achieving that."

Woods, winless in his past eight major championships, made two early birdies. But he missed a 3-footer for par on the seventh hole and then three-putted from off the green on the ninth.

Woods, whose lone British Open victory came four years ago at St. Andrews, shot a 71 that included nine pars heading into the wind on the back nine "I'm right in the championship

Woods said. "I've got a great chance of winning this thing com-ing into the weekend."

The most international of Opens lived up to its reputation in the opening round Thursday, offering up an eclectic collection of international players at the top and a pair of unlikely leaders in Casey and Levet.

That was no different on Friday when the wind that had been so calm a day before picked up some in the morning, then faded as the day continued

#### **British Open**

Friday At Royal Troon Golf Club Troon, Scotland Purse: \$7.44 million Yardage: 7.745; Par: 71 (36-35)

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### Gibson's 64 tops tight B.C. Open leader board drews, where the three-time British Open

ENDICOTT, N.Y. - Kelly Gibson completed the soggy first round of the B.C. Open and had just one wish. "I hope a hurricane comes tomorrow and

there's a one-round winner," Gibson joked Thursday after an 8-under 64 placed him alone atop the leader board. "Would they do it? Why not? I'll take the cash.

Although showers caused a 28-minute delay on the En-Joie Golf Club course, the first round was completed with Gibson hold ing a one-shot lead over rookie Camilo Villegas, Todd Fischer, John Morgan, last week's runner-up, and Kevin Stadler.

Brett Quigley, Garrett Willis, Brenden Pappas and Roland Thatcher were another shot back, Tommy Tolles and 1997 B.C. Open

Golf roundup

champion Gabriel Hiertstedt were among 11 players at 67, including defending champion Craig Stadler, who couldn't match son Kevin on this day.

The most unlikely name near the top of the leader board was the 22-year-old Villegas, who is playing only his fourth tournament since qualifying for last month's U.S. Open. The native of Colombia began the day with a 29 on the back nines

Fred Funk, who elected to play here instead of the British Open in an attempt to score more Ryder Cup points, shot 2-over 74.

#### Nicklaus all but certain to play '05 Open

TROON Scotland - Jack Nicklaus will likely play in the British Open next year at St. Anchampion captured the 1978 title.

"I'm thinking about coming back next year," Nicklaus said Friday at Royal Troon. "It will be my last chance to play. Of course, it is at St. Andrews and the R&A paid me a very nice compliment when they adjusted the year from 2006 to 2005. I think it would be a slap in the face if I didn't play. If I'm able, I'll be back."

#### Former Tour player Julian dies from ALS

NORWICH, Vt. - Former PGA Tour player Jeff Julian died Thursday, nearly three years after being diagnosed with ALS. He was 42.

Julian died of complications from amvotrophic lateral sclerosis, known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He played on the PGA Tour in 1996 and 2002. His best finish in 58 starts was a tie for 16th in the 1996 Buick Classic.



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# Jones relishes long jump win, Athens berth

BY BOB BAUM
The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Finally, a moment of triumph for Marion Jones in the U.S. Olympic track and field trials.

Cheered on by a warm, supportive crowd, Jones won the long jump at 23 feet, 4 inches — the second-longest mark in the world this year and her best effort since the 1998 World Cup final in Moscow.

"The first four steps were just as you draw them up," coach Dan Pfaff said. "She kept her rhythm all the way down the board. It's like a golf shot. She timed it perfectly."

Through the competition, Jones' trademark smile was nowhere to be found. She was expressionless, except for a nod toward the officials after her second and best jump of the night.

Embittered by the cloud of suspicion that she has endured all season, despite her vehement denials that she has ever taken performance-enhancing drugs, Jones again declined to talk to reporters.

But after her final jump, she flashed that smile and bowed to the crowd. Then she hugged runner-up Grace Upshaw and wed to the chocytografene.

waved to the cheering fans.

On the victory stand, after the medal was placed around her neck, a bit of the old Marion Jones broke through.

"I think I had just a little bit of motivation," she said, laughing so hard her body bent forward. "It feels really good. I had fun out there."

Then she gave a hint of the emotional load she had been carrying after failing to make the team in the 100 meters, then finishing an unimpressive seventh in the long lump qualifying.

"So many people told me, 'Marion have fun.' " she told the crowd. "It was very hard to keep it together today," she said, her voice cracking as she began to sob.

The crowd at Hornet Stadium cheered. She gave high-fives and posed for a few pictures with fans as she made her way out a side entrance, avoiding the post-competition news conference that every other event winner has attended through the meet.

Jones, the long jump bronze medalist in the Sydney Olympics, sent word that she might talk with reporters after she competes in the 200 this weekend.

Later, Jones issued a statement through USA Track & Field.

"I'm very happy with my performance tonight," the statement said. "I'm excited about making my second Olympic team, and look forward to going to Athens."

On the track, the parade of young talent produced another champion, 20-year-old Jeremy Wariner of Baylor in the 400 with a personal-best 44.37, the fastest time in the world this year.

Wariner and fourth-place finisher

Darold Williamson are coached by Baylor's Clyde Hart, who also coached Olympic great Michael Johnson.

"It was time for us to show what collegiate athletes could do on a big stage," Wariner said.

In an odd women's 3,000 steeplechase — an event not contested in the Olympics — Ann Gaffigan won in an American-record 9:39.35.

Briana Shook finished far ahead of Gaffigan, but she was disqualified for running around the first water jump, instead of over it.

Dan Lincoln, competing on the track



Marion Jones won the U.S. long jump title with a leap of 23 feet, 4 inches, the second-longest mark in the world this year, to earn a spot on the U.S. Olympic team.

where he was a double-winner for Arkansas in the 2003 NCAA championships, won the 3,000 steeplechase in a personal-best 8:15.02.

Erin Gilreath won the women's hammer throw at 231 feet.

# Jacobs retires amid doping allegations

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Regina Jacobs, whose long and remarkably successful middle-distance running career ended in disgrace when she flunked a steroid test, formally announced her retirement Thursday.

The announcement, in a statement released by her lawyer, came a day before Jacobs planned to begin a bid for her 13th national title in the 1,500 meters and three days before an arbitration hearing is scheduled in her doning case.

Jacobs tested positive for the steroid THG at last year's U.S. championships, at which she won her 12th national title in the 1,500 — her ninth in the last 10 years.

Jacobs is the fifth athlete involved in a doping case to either drop out of the Olympic trials or fail to qualify for the U.S. team for the Athens Games.

Tim Montgomery, Chryste Gaines and Alvin Harrison, all of whom have been charged with steroid use by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and face lifetime bans if found guilty by arbitrators, failed to qualify in the Olympic trials.

Michelle Collins, also charged by USADA with steroid use, pulled out of the women's 400 claiming a hamstring injury.

Adam Webb easily advanced through the first round of the 1,500 meters, winning his heat in 347.10. Young collegiate rivals Sanya Richards, DeeDee Trotter and Monique Henderson had the three fastest times in the semifinals of the women's 400.

# Edwards: Stimulant use was inadvertent

BY BOB BAUM The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Sprinter Torri Edwards, an outspoken supporter of U.S. anti-drug efforts in track and field, is the latest athlete to face a possible suspension for testing positive for a banned substance.

In an interview on Thursday with representatives of six news organizations, including The Associated Press, Edwards attributed the positive test on a glucose supplement that, unbeknownst to her, contained the stimulant as an additive.

She said she took the glucose

She said she took the glucose because she wasn't feeling well.

Edwards earned an Olympic berth with a second-place finish in the women's 100 meters at the U.S. Olympic track and field trials, but could be bounced from the team.

The reigning world champion at 100 meters, Edwards tested positive for the stimulant nikethamide at a meet in Fort-de-France, Martinique, on April 24, the International Amateur Athletics Federation announced Thursday.

"I've never taken any performance-enhancing drugs. I never will. Never had a need for it," she said. "It's been five long, hard years for me to get to the point where I am today and I would not do anything like this to jeopardize what I've earned over the years." Edwards' case will be heard

Monday by a U.S. arbitration panel in Orange County. Under the World Anti-Doping Agency code, she would face a 2-year but unless she can persuade the panel that there were sufficient mitigating circumstances to warrant only a warning, said WADA sookesman Frederic Donze.

If the panel rules against her, Edwards said, she would take her case to the international Court of Arbitration for Sport. The CAS finding would be binding.

The glucose was supplied to her by Dr. Christopher Vincent, who purchased it at a local store, Edwards said, adding the container and remainder of the glucose has been presented as evidence in her case.

The substance known as "Coramine Glucose" is sold only in Vietnam and parts of France, acording to a statement released by Edwards' agent, Emanuel Hudson.

Edwards and Lewis said there was no need for her to use any performance-enhancing drugs at Martinique because there were no top runners in the race, she had already received an appearance fee and there was no prize



American sprinter Torri Edwards faces suspension after testing positive for a banned stimulant.

money at stake. She said she felt obligated to run because she was the promotional attraction for the meet and took glucose after the first round of the 100.

Vincent, a British chiropractor, found the glucose at a local store, Edwards said. She said that neither coramine nor nikethamide were on the wallet cards of banned substances both she and Vincent carried.

Edwards, who finished second to LaTasha Colander in the 100 final last Saturday, is scheduled to run the 200, with preliminaries beginning Friday.

"Now I go and get ready for the 200," she said, "and then get ready for my hearing on Monday — and get prepared for a fight."

# Wilson, Young make men's gymnastics team

BY NANCY ARMOUR The Associated Press

When Blaine Wilson dropped off the still rings in February, grabbing his torn left biceps, everybody thought his chances for the Athens Olympics were finished.

Everybody, that is, except Wilon.

He made good on the vow he made in February on Thursday night, earning one of the final two spots on the U.S. men's gymnastics team. When the men's gymnastics competition begins in Athens on Aug. 13, Wilson will be there — less than six months after his injury.

"I knew right away that I'd be back," he said. "Athens was never out of my mind. It was never a question whether I'd be back. I just needed a little time to get everything together."

Guard Young also won a spot after a two-day selection meet in Colorado Springs, Colo, completing the team that already included current world and national champion Paul Hamm and twin brother Morgan, Brett McClure and Jason Gatson. The Hamms, McClure and Gatson were chosen at the Olympic trials last month.

Raj Bhavsar and 2000 Olympian Stephen McCain were selected as alternates. Sean Townsend, a former national champion, 2000 Olympian and the world champion on parallel bars in 2001, didn't make the team.

The entire women's team will be chosen Sunday.

Wilson, who turns 30 on Aug. 3, has been the country's pre-eminent gymnast for a decade, winning five straight national titles from 1996-2000 and competing at the 1996 and 2000 Olympics.

He has never won an Olympic medal, though, a gaping hole that's kept him competing long after his peers retired.

He won his first world championships medal last summer when he helped the U.S. men take the silver, and figured to be part of the squad for Athens, where the Americans will be favored to win their first team medal since 1984.

Then came the American Cup on Feb. 28. Wilson was competing on still rings, his best event, when he suddenly dropped to the match clutching his left arm. His biceps had torn completely off the bone, a devastating injury that normally has a recovery time of 6-to-7 months.

After surgery March 2, Wilson immediately began rehabbing, riding a stationary bike and doing exercises to maintain his core strength. He was back in the gym soon after, and four months after the injury, competed at the Olymsio triols.

# Air Force players face court-martial

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Two Air Force Academy football players accused of using steroids will be court-mar-

tialed, the military said.
Junior running back Matthew Ward,
charged with wrongful use and possession
of the anabolic steroid methandrostenolo-



teroid methandrostenolone, will be court-martialed Aug. 18, the academy said Thursday. A date has not been

briefs

A date has not been set for the court-martial for junior linebacker Overton Spence Jr. on charges of wrongful use, distribution and

possession of methandrostenolone.

Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John
Rosa Jr. referred both cases to courts-martial earlier this week. Both cadets had
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tial earlier this week. Both cadets had waived their right to an Article 32 evidentiary hearing, which is similar to civilian grand jury sessions. "After (Rosa) reviewed the evidence in the case and consulted with the Air Force

judge advocate, he decided there was enough evidence to take the case forward," academy spokesman Lt. Col. Laurent Fox said.

If convicted, Ward faces 10 years of confinement while Spence could receive 25 years. Both face dismissal from the Air

Force and forfeiture of pay and allowances. The school has begun random testing of cadets and some employees for steroids in what experts say is an unusual step for a college of any kind. Both players have been

suspended from the football team.

"This is a military justice proceeding,

and we'll deal with whatever the outcome is when it's complete," coach Fisher DeBerry said. "I hurt for our guys that they are going through this, and I'm disappointed about

Military lawyers representing the cadets did not return phone calls.

Two other cadets also face steroids charges. An evidence hearing for Eric Swartz is scheduled for July 28. Rosa is deciding whether a court-martial is in order for Jonathan Belkowitz.

Earlier this week, senior cadet Shane Thomas was convicted of wrongful use and possession of ketamine, an anesthetic for humans and animals. He was also convicted of threatening to hurt a female cadet if she reported his drug use. He faces dismissal from the Air Force but no iail time.

#### NHL, players union to resume talks

NEW YORK — NHL and players union negotiators will meet Wednesday, the first time they will have talked since May 25.

The NHL's collective bargaining agreement with the NHLPA expires Sept. 15.

"We remain hopeful that our meeting next Wednesday will result in progress being made toward a resolution," said NHL vice president Bill Daly. "Either way, we believe it is now important to begin meeting more regularly because time is getting short, and the only way this can be resolved is if the parties continue to talk."

The league is expected to lock out the players if a new contract is not reached in September. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman has urged "cost certainty" for the own-

ers and is seeking some form of salary cap, which the union vehemently opposes.

Bettman and Bob Goodenow, executive director of the NHLPA, will attend Wednesday's meeting.

#### Blue Jays want Delgado to waive no-trade clause

TORONTO — The Toronto Blue Jays plan to ask slugger Carlos Delgado to waive his no-trade clause.

"I'm going to him ask if he wants to, but he has the right to decide whether he wants to or he doesn't," Blue Jays General Manager J.P. Ricciardi said Friday.

Delgado, eligible for free agency this fall, earns \$18.5 million this season in the final year of a four-year, \$64 million deal.

Ricciardi said the team will probably have a payroll of \$50 million next season, the same as this season. He would like to use the money Delgado makes on a number of players.

"I think Carlos understands it," Ricciardi said. "He's a very, very bright guy. Bringing him back at \$18.5 million dollars is something that's not going to happen. That doesn't mean we don't want to bring him

Ricciardi declined to say when he would speak to Delgado.

Delgado was second in AL MVP voting last year after hitting .302 with 42 homers and a major league-leading 145 RBIs.

He entered Friday night's game against Texas batting .223 with 10 home runs and 33 RBIs. Delgado was activated from the disabled list on July 6 after missing 33 games with a strained rib cage.

# Danton pleads guilty in plot to kill agent

The Associated Pres

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. — Former St. Louis Blues player Mike Danton admitted Friday that he sought to have his agent killed as part of a plot that unraveled when the would-be hit man turned out to be a police informant.

turned out to be a police informant.

Danton pleaded guilty to a federal murder-for-hire conspiracy charge and could face seven to 10 years in prison when he is sentenced Oct. 22.

Danton was to have been tried in September with co-defendant Katie Wolfmeyer, and was scheduled for a pretrial hearing next week.

wommeyer, and was scheduled for a pretrial hearing next week. Danton, 23, and Wolfmeyer, a 19-year-old college student from a St. Louis suburb, faced identical conspiracy charges, with Wolfmeyer accused of trying to hire the would-be killer of Danton's agent, David Frost.

The would-be killer eventually went to police, and Frost was unharmed.

Danton has been jailed since his arrest April 16 in San Jose, Calif., a day after the San Jose Sharks eliminated

the Blues from the playoffs.
Wolfmeyer has pleaded innocent
and is to be tried in September.

Federal prosecutors have agreed to let Danton serve his possible prison time in his native Canada. U.S. District Judge William Stiehl told Danton that the agreement may bar him from re-entering the United States.

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Toronto at Texas Minnesota at Kansas City	DReyes 1/2 0 0 0 0 1 Bukvich S.1 1/2 0 0 0 0 1	Boston, 9-3, .750, 3.67; Schilling, Boston, 11-4, .733, 3.16; JRincon, Minnesota, 8-3, .727, 1.84.	Tvarez p 0 0 0 0 Redling p 0 0 0 0	San Francisco JeWilliams 5 7 4 3 4 2
Cleveland at Seattle	DReyes 1/3 0 0 0 0 1 Bukvich S,1 1/3 0 0 0 0 1 HBP-by Field (LFord). WP-Lohse. T-2:45. A-18,540 (40,785).	STRIKEOUTS—Santana, Minnesota, 136; Schilling, Roston, 118; PMartinez, Roston,	Isrnghs p 0 0 0 0 PNortn p 0 0 0 0 Poppel p 0 0 0 0 Vn Wal ph 0 0 0 0	TyWalker 1 1 0 0 0 1 WFranklin 1 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 1 0 0 1 2
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Minnesota (Radke 5-5) at Kansas City (Gob- ble 5-6)	Mariners 2, Indians 1	Chicago, 98.	St. Louis 000 401 200-7	
Chicago White Sox (Garcia 6-8) at Oakland (Redman 6-6)	CLEVELAND SEATTLE abrhbi	Texas, 27; Nathan, Minnesota, 23; DBaez, Tampa Bay, 17; Guardado, Seattle, 16; Per- cival, Anaheim, 15; Urbina, Detroit, 14.	E-Morris (1). DP-St. Louis 1, Cincinnati 1.	Jennings 5 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> 9 3 3 4 4 Jrtope2 1/ <sub>3</sub> 0 0 0 2 0 Harikkala 2 2 0 0 1 1 Chacon L.1-6 1 1 4 3 2 1
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Chicago White Sox (Garcia 6-8) at Oakland (Redman 6-6) Baltimore (Lopez 6-6) at Tampa Bay (Bra- zelton 1-0) N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 1-0) at Detroit (Knotts 5-3) Toronto (Lilly 7-6) at Texas (Ric.Rodriguez 2-0)	Blake 3b 4 0 1 0 Beckea cf 0 0 0 0	East Division	IP M KER BB SO St. Louis	
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BALTIMORE TAMPA BAY abribi abribi	MRmrz dh 4 0 0 0 VGrero rf 3 1 1 0	Florida at Pittsburgh		(19). 3B—Werth (1). HR—ShGreen (11). SB—Iz- turis (14). CS—RAIomar (1). SF—Brito.
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	LOB—Boston 4, Anaheim 9. 2B—Mueller (10), Eckstein (14), GAnderson (8), Erstad (15).	San Diego (D.Wells 4-5) at Houston (Os-	(9), CJones 2 (10), JEstrada (28), SB-AJones	Choate L.1-1 1/2 1 2 2 1 1
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2B—BRoberts (26), 3B—Newhan (3), Craw- ford 2 (11), HR—Bigbie (8), Huff (14), SB—	DLowe L,7-9 4 2/3 9 4 4 3 4 Embree 1/3 3 2 2 0 0 Leskanic 1 3 2 2 0 1 IAnderson 1 1 0 0 0	Florida (Pavano 9-4) at Pittsburgh (K.Wells	LHrndz L,6-9 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 7 7 7 3 4 Tucker 1 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub> 2 0 0 1 2 Bentz 1 0 0 0 0 1 SKim 1 2 1 1 0 1	
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Tampa Bay Zambrano 4 <sup>1</sup> /2 4 2 1 6 2		Montreal at Atlanta Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets St. Louis at Cincinnati Florida at Pittsburgh San Diego at Houston Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs San Francisco at Colorado	Cubs 4, Brewers 1	Colorado, 66; JDrew, Atlanta, 65; Clayton, Col- orado, 65; I Gonzalez, Arizona, 61.
Zambrano 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , 4 2 1 6 2 TreMiller <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , 1 1 1 0 0 Harper L <sub>2</sub> -1 1 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> 2 2 2 1 1 Seay <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> , 1 0 0 0 0 JoSosa 1 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , 1 0 0 1 2	Athletics 4, White Sox 2	Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs San Francisco at Colorado	MILWAUKEE   Abrh bi   Ab	RBI-Rolen, St. Louis, 82; Castilla, Colo- rado, 73; Overbay, Milwaukee, 62: Pulole St
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TreMiller pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. WP-Cabrera, Zambrano. T-3:31. A-16,185 (43,969).	MUrdz dh 4 1 1 2 EChavz 3b 2 1 1 1 CaLee If 4 0 1 0 Dye rf 4 0 1 0	Philadelphia at Atlanta	BClark rf 0 0 0 0 DeLee 1b 4 1 2 2	Pierre, Florida, 108; Biggio, Houston, 107; Rolen, St. Louis, 104; Helton, Colorado, 103.
Yankees 5, Tigers 1	Alliette's ", Williet SOI 2  GRIGGO D' Alliette's ", Williet SOI 2  Perez d' 10 0 Kottay d' 4 9 10  Fleet G 10 0 Kottay d' 4 9 10  Calce II 4 0 10 Dyert 4 0 10  Calce II 4 0 10 Dyert 4 0 10  Calce II 4 0 10 Dyert 4 0 10  Enchrid 1 0 10 Dilliet 2 1 1 10  Enchrid 1 0 10 Dyert 5 1 1 10  Enchrid 1 0 10 Dilliet 2 1 1 1 1  Enchrid 1 0 10 Dyert 5 1 1 1 1 1  Enchrid 1 0 10 Dyert 5 1 1 1 1 1  Enchrid 1 0 1 Dyert 5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Los Angeles at Arizona Monday's games Montreal at Pittsburgh Florida at New York Mets Milwaukee at Cincinnati Philadelphia at Atlanta Los Angeles at Noscousta San Diego at Colorado San Francisco at Arizona	KGintr 2b 2 0 1 0 Barrett c 4 0 2 0	N. Leaders BATING-Bonds, San Francisco, 356: Casey, Cincinnati, 366: Nelton, Colorado, Casey, Cincinnati, 368: Nelton, Colorado, Casey, Cincinnati, 368: Nelton, Colorado, Carlotta, 327: Estado, Allanti, 323: Wilson, Pittherwin, 323: S. Louis, 73: Raberes, Pillado, Pillado, 132: S. Louis, 73: Raberes, Pillado, Pillado, 132: S. Louis, 73: Castilla, Colorado, 23: Massul, Pillado, 132: S. Louis, 73: Castilla, Colorado, 23: Massul, Pillado, 132: S. Louis, 73: Castilla, Colorado, 23: Massul, Pillado, 132: S. Louis, 73: Castilla, Colorado, 73: Massul, Pillado, 132: S. Louis, 73: Castilla, Colorado, 73: Massul, Pillado, 132: S. Louis, 73: Castilla, Colorado, 73: Massul, Pillado, 132: S. Louis, 73: Castilla, Colorado, 73: Massul, Pillado, 73: Castilla, Colorado, 73: Castilla, Colorado, 73: Massul, Pillado, 73: Castilla, Colorado, 73: Massul, Pillado, 73: Castilla, Colorado, 73: Massul, Pill
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# Braves back in first place

# Giles returns with hot bat as Atlanta beats Montreal

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ATLANTA — Marcus Giles picked up right where he left off — in the majors, that is.

Giles hit two doubles in his first game in two months and Jaret Wright (7-5) won his fifth straight decision, leading the Atlanta Braves past the Montreal Expos 8-0 on Thursday night and into a tie for first place with Philadelphia in the NL East. Atlanta hasn't been in first since April 8, the third day of the

"He looked great, fielded flawlessly," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said of Giles.
"You couldn't ask for anything more."
Giles, who broke his collarbone

in a collision with center fielder Andruw Jones on May 15, went 2-for-5 to lead the Braves to their 13th victory in 16

games.

During a five-game rehab assignment with Class

A Rome and Myrtle Beach just before the All-Star break, Giles batted only .067 (1-for-15). He had no such trouble against the Expos. After a flyout to right in his first at-bat, Giles doubled home runs in the third and fifth innings as Aftanta beat Montreal for the fourth straight time.

Giles was hitting .339 when he was injured, and his average went up to .341 after Thursday night. "It was a long time to be out," he said. "It's sore, but my shoulder won't be an excuse for me for any part of this year. It's healed enough to do what I did

tonight."
Wright (7-5) hasn't lost since May 22, when the
Dodgers beat him 7-4. He gave up three hits in
seven innings and allowed only one runner to reach
third, combining with Keyin Gryboski and Antonio

Alfonseca on a five-hitter.
"It wasn't that Wright was so hard to hit — he didn't strike out many," Montreal outfielder Carl Everett said. "He just kept us off balance. We didn't

get the timely hits, and they did."

It was the Braves' eighth shutout and the 14th time the Expos were blanked.

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Chipper Jones went 3-for-5 for the Braves after arriving at the ballpark just 30 minutes before the game. A charter flight from his ranch in Texas was

delayed and he skipped batting practice.
"I told him to fly somewhere tomorrow, too," Cox

Mets 3, Phillies 2 (11): Pitcher Roberto Hernandez couldn't handle Ty Wigginton's comebacker



St. Louis' So Taguchi bunts for a single in the fourth inning against the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday night in Cincinnati. The first-place Cardinals won 7-2.

with the bases loaded, allowing the host Mets to score the winning run. Hernandez (1-3) knocked the ball down with his bare hand but bounced the throw home as pinch-runner Vance Wilson slid across the

Jose Parra (1-0) struck out two in a hitless 11th for his first major league victory since 1996 with

**Dodgers 4, Diamondbacks 3:** Shawn Green hit a grand slam in the eighth inning off Randy Choate, who took over after Randy Johnson struck out nine in seven scoreless innings for host Arizona.

Johnson, who also hit an RBI single, was pulled after 108 pitches. Brian Bruney got two outs while al lowing hits to Cesar Izturis and Paul Lo Duca. Choate (0-1) then walked pinch-hitter Milton Bradley be-

fore Green's seventh career grand slam.
Wilson Alvarez (4-3) won in relief and Eric Gagne
struck out all four batters he faced for his 24th save.

Giants 7, Rockies 5: Shawn Chacon hit J.T. Snow with a pitch with the bases loaded for the go-ahead run in visiting San Francisco's four-run ninth.

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Colorado led 4-3 behind five-plus innings from
Jason Jennings, but Chacon (1-6) couldn't hold the

Cardinals 7, Reds 2: Albert Pujols and Scott Rolen hit two-run homers to lead visiting St. Louis. Matt Morris (10-6) allowed eight hits in six innings to beat Jesus Sanchez (0-2). Morris also singled in a run.

# Contreras' long stint bouyed by long balls

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Jose Contreras

strode to the mound for the ninth inning, something he had never done as a major league pitcher. And even though he allowed a

And even though he allowed a leadoff single to end his outing, the former Cuban star felt he'd never pitched better.

Contreras allowed four hits and struck out seven and Alex Rodriguez hit two of New York's five home runs — the Yankees' only hits — in a 5-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Thursday night.

"Against the White Sox, I pitched a pretty good game, but it wasn't as good as this one," Contreras said through a translator.
"As far as the major leagues go, those are the two best games I can think of

"Prior to coming here, with the Cuban national team in 2001, I threw 11 innings against Japan. That was pretty good, but that was amateur, it doesn't com-

Contreras (7-3) has been inconsistent since signing with New York before the 2003 season after defecting from Cuba. He has won seven of eight decisions but has a 5.17 ERA this season. His previous longest outing with the Yankees was last Sept. 23 at Chicago, when the Yankees clinched the

Al. East.

After Dmitri Young had a leadoff triple in the fourth, Contreras
retired 15 straight until he allowed Bobby Higginson's single
to start the ninth.

"Contreras was great — the best I've seen," Tigers manager Alan Trammell said. "He had command of everything. We're a pretty good hitting team, but he was awfully good."

Rodriguez, Derek Jeter, Hideki Matsui and Kenny Lofton homered off Jeremy Bonderman (6-7) and Rodriguez added his 24th homer off Wilfredo Ledezma in

Orioles 5, Devil Rays 4: David Newhan hit a tiebreaking, two-run triple in the seventh inning, Larry Bigbie homered and

#### Roundup

Daniel Cabrera (7-3) gave up three runs and five hits in six innings to beat Travis Harper (2-1).

The host Devil Rays had the bases loaded with two outs in the ninth, but Jorge Julio got Julio Lugo to fly out to right for his 13th

Royals 3, Twins 1: Mike Sweeney's RBI single in the first ended the host Royals' 31-inning scoreless drought against the Twins

Kansas City had not scored off Minnesota since May 30. The Twins, who have lost four straight, outscored the Royals 25-0 in a three-game sweep last

Kyle Lohse (3-7), one of the shutout pitchers, was the loser Thursday.

Greinke (2-6) gave up a run and four hits in seven innings.

mariners 2, Indians 1: Justin
Leone hit his first major league
homer — a two-run shot — to
back Joel Pineiro (5-10) and help

host Seattle end a nine-game losing streak.

Leone connected off Jake Westbrook (6-5) in the seventh.

Athletics 4, White Sox 2: Rich Harden (4-5) allowed four hits in eight innings, Eric Chavez had a home run and Bobby Crosby an RBI double against Jon Garland (7-6)

Magglio Ordonez hit a two-run homer for the visiting White Sox, whose four-game winning streak ended.

Angels 8, Red Sox 1: Darin Erstad homered and drove in three runs and Chone Figgins also had three RBIs for host Anaheim.

Jarrod Washburn (10-4) allowed three hits in seven innings, leading the Angels to their fourth straight victory.

Pitching a week after earning his first career shutout, the left-hander struck out three and walked two while beating Derek Lowe (7-9).



### Prior's exit spoils win

The Associated Pres

CHICAGO — Mark Prior walked off the mound in the second inning, his head down and his status up in the air.

The right-hander left with discomfort in his elbow after pitching just 1½ innings Thursday night, putting the Chicago Cubs in a somber mood after a 41 comeback victory over Milwaukee.

"I don't know what I've got going right now," Prior said. Prior, scheduled for an MRI, missed the first two months of the

season with a sore right Achilles' tendon and tender elbow. "You can't get any more wor-

ried than sick to your stomach," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said. With one out in the second, Prior got Milwaukee's Chad Moeller to hit a grounder to Derrek Lee at first. Prior started off

the mound to go to first before Lee made the play unassisted.

Trainer Dave Groeschner and pitching coach Larry Rothschild knew something was wrong with Prior, quickly going out to the mound to talk to him. He was

mound to talk to him. He was then replaced by Glendon Rusch (5-1), who allowed three hits in 5½ scoreless innings. "It's something I've been dealing with off and on since it hap-

"It's something I've been dealing with off and on since it happened in spring training," said Prior, who made just his eighth start. "Hopefully we can get some answers this time on what it really is. To be honest, I can't tell you where I'm at or where I'm going to be."

The Cubs are hoping that it's not the disabled list — again. "You're just worried for him.

You're just worried for him You don't want it to be serious,' Lee said. "You hope it's some thing he can get over quick."



Mark Prior (22) leaves the field in the second inning Thursday alongside trainer Dave Groeschner.

# **SPORTS**

Marion Jones finds solace in long jump victory in U.S. Olympic trials, Page 28



# Kendall's 'glorious day'



Skip Kendall is a 39-year-old American who is winless on the PGA Tour. His best finish in 13 majors is a tie for 10th in the 1998 PGA Championship.

# Unheralded American grabs British Open lead

BY TIM DAHLBERG

TROON, Scotland — The ultimate grinder is halfway to one of golf's ultimate prizes.

Skip Kendall, who has not won in 310 PGA Tour events, eagled the 16th hole from off the green Friday on his way to a 5-under 66 and the second-round lead in the British Open.

The improbable leader, who had to qualify to get in his third Open, stole the spotlight on a day when Masters champion Phi Mickelson recovered with a 66 to get back in contention and Coll Montgomerie thrilled the hometown fans with a move of his own. "It was a glorious day," Ken-

"It was a giorious day," Kendall said.

Indeed it was, with spectators enjoying light winds and warm

enjoying light winds and warm temperatures off the Scottish Coast and players enjoying the scores Royal Troon was giving up. Kendall holed a bunker shot on the third hole for a birdie to spark his round, and rolled in a putt from off the front of the green on the par-5 16th to grab the lead from Thomas Levet of France.

"I was not paying attention to a lot of things you could get caught



Phil Mickelson, above, tied Skip Kendall for Friday's lowest round.

up in out there," Kendall said. Kendall, who came agonizingly

kendall, who came agonizingly close to winning earlier this year when he lost a playoff to Mickelson in the Bob Hope Classic, has won more than \$6.5 million on the tour.



Leading scores after the second round of the 133rd

British Open at Royal Troon:					
Skip Kendall	69-66-135	-7			
Thomas Levet	66-70-136	-6			
C.J. Choi	68-69-137				
Barry Lane	69-68-137				
Michael Campbell					
rnie Els	69-69-138				
	71-67-138				
Colin Montgomerie	69-69-138	-4			
/ijay Singh	68-70-138				
Retief Goosen	69-70-139	-3			

Phil Mickelson 73-66-139 -3 Full-field scores on Page 26. He finished two rounds at 7-under 135, a shot ahead of first-round leader Levet and two shots ahead of England's Barry Lane and K.J. Choi of South Korea.

"I've been very close." Kendall said. 'I really feel like I can win on the PGA Tour, it's just a matter of time."

The unassuming 39-year-old American topped a leader board full of international players that included proven major champion-ship Vijay Singh and Ernie Els. Tiger Woods was six shots back

after shooting an even-par 7.1 Urged by shouts of "Come on, Monty, come on" and thunderous ovations around the greens, Montgomerie birdied two of his last four holes on the course where he learned the game before missing a short par putt on the last hole for a 69 that left him three shots back. "It built up through the day," Montgomerie said. "The crowd Montgomerie said. "The crowd

Montgomerie said. "The crowd was absolutely fantastic." Montgomerie missed a 2-footer on the last hole.

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Armstrong makes a big move in the Tour's first major mountain stage

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Yankees expand lead over Red Sox to eight games; Braves move into first-place tie

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Securing Bryant is just the start of the Lakers' uphill climb

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